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Gulf peace talks

Iraqi delegation lacked authority, claims Iran

NICOSIA, Nov 14. (Reuters) - Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati said today Iraqi delegates lacked the goodwill or authority to resolve problems stalling Gulf peace talks.

Velayati, back in Tehran after 12 days of negotiations in Geneva in which the two countries signed a pact to exchange sick prisoners of war, said talks would resume in December or January at a date yet to be fixed.

The third round of UN-mediated talks ended on Friday with no movement on key demands by both Iran and Iraq.

Tehran says troops must withdraw immediately behind international borders. Baghdad says the clearing of Shatt Al Arab river, its main outlet to the Gulf, must have priority.

Frustrated

"The Iraqi delegates participating in the talks are not sufficiently empowered by the Iraqi government to make any choices in their negotiations with the Iranians," Velayati was quoted by the Iranian news agency IRNA as saying.

"The limitations imposed on them have frustrated Iran's endeavours for implementing the UN Resolution 598 ... The Iraqi delegation does not have the necessary goodwill for solving

ing the existing problems."

The Aug 20 ceasefire, described as fragile by UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, is the only provision of Security Council Resolution 598 so far implemented.

The resolution also calls for withdrawal of troops behind international borders, exchange of all war prisoners, settlement of other outstanding issues and an inquiry into which side started the war in 1980.

The ceasefire has held, although both sides have accused the other of violating it and have frequently charged each other with war-mongering.

Iran's military commander, Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, said on Saturday that "no-war, no peace" conditions could not last long. "Either we will reach peace or war might flare up again," he said.

Irqi Information Minister Latif Al Jassem, quoted by Baghdad Radio, described Rafsanjani's remarks as "tangible proof of Iran's wicked intentions."

IRNA said Iran would issue tomorrow a list of 411 sick or disabled Iranian prisoners to be repatriated under the pact signed by Iran, Iraq and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

PLO drafting new...

(Continued from Page 1) ranks. But Habash has declared that despite the differences, he will not walk out and will continue to work for Palestinian unity.

Arafat claimed today the United States extended recognition to his group 11 years ago and agreed to its participation in an international conference on Middle East peace.

"There is an American recognition of the PLO," Arafat said. "This recognition came in an Egyptian-American communiqué signed in 1977 by (then) Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy of Egypt and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance."

Agreement

The communiqué, Arafat said, contained "America's agreement to a joint Arab delegation to the international conference and the PLO's inclusion

in this delegation, but at a low level.

"This is an explicit American recognition of the PLO," Arafat said.

In Washington, President Reagan said today he hoped the PLO had accepted a United Nations resolution implicitly recognising Israel's right to exist, saying "that would be some progress."

Problems

But Reagan said before there is a breakthrough in the Arabs' stance toward Israel, "there are other problems that remain to be solved."

The President did not specify what problems he had in mind as he responded cautiously to a reporter's question about PLO moves over the weekend in Algiers.

"Apparently there has been an indication they're willing to abide by 242," Reagan said.

Election campaign ends...

(Continued from Page 1) freedom from fear," she said.

Most political analysts expect the election result to be close, especially with dozens of independents and smaller parties standing and the uncertainties of the first-past-the-post electoral system.

The main contest is for 199 Muslim seats in the 237-seat National Assembly (lower house). Another eight go to the tribal areas in the North-West, 10 to non-Muslims, 20 are reserved for women chosen by the elected deputies.

Acting President Gbulam Ishaq Khan, who took over in August after military leader Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq died in a plane crash, will select the person he considers capable of winning the support of a majority of assembly members as prime minister.



The three fighters of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine who were caught while trying to infiltrate into Israel from Lebanon. (Reuters wirephoto)

Israelis capture guerrillas

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Nov 14. (Agencies) - Four PLO guerrillas, trying to cross into Israel, were stopped in southern Lebanon, three by an Israeli Army patrol and the other when he stumbled into a UNIFIL position.

Soldiers with the UN Interim Forces in Lebanon overpowered a nervous, apparently intoxicated guerrilla yesterday after he shot and killed a Lebanese interpreter involved in negotiations to end a 19-hour standoff at the UNIFIL post.

Wounded

Less than six hours before the ordeal ended, an Israeli Army patrol - some four miles (six kms) southeast of the UNIFIL position - captured three guerrillas attempting to cross into Israel from southern Lebanon to carry out attack in the Jewish state, the Israeli military said.

The heavily armed guerrillas, who were wounded during the confrontation with the Israelis, said they were members of Naif Hawatme's Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

Failed

A statement by DFLP said three guerrillas were captured by the Israeli Army as they headed for the northern border town of Kiryat Shmonah on a hostage-taking raid on Saturday night.

It said the failed attempt was timed to coincide with the Algiers meeting of the PLO's legislative wing to proclaim the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip an independent Palestinian state.

Hunger protest

WARSAW, Nov 14. (Reuters) - A hunger protest against police who used force to break up an unofficial independence day march went into its third day in the southern Polish city of Katowice today, but the number of protesters halved to about 45. Opposition sources said local Bishop Janusz Zimniak had offered to mediate between the authorities and the protesters, who were occupying a church building and calling for punishment of police who drove vans into a crowd of 2,000 marchers on Friday.

Conflict

AIDS death

EAST BERLIN, Nov 14. (Reuters) - A fourth East German has died after contracting AIDS, the news agency ADN said today.

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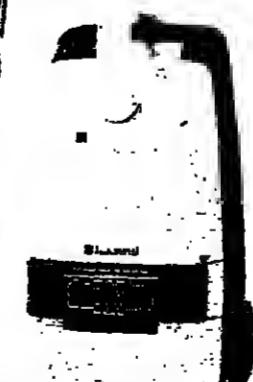
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Are Bush, Quayle
related to
each other,
says expert

STON, Nov 14, (AP): President-elect George Bush and Vice President-elect Dan Quayle may be more than just running mates. A genealogist who specialises in the lineage of presidents says Bush and Quayle are distant cousins. The two are also related to Abraham Lincoln, and perhaps to movie star Marilyn Monroe, said Gary Boyd Roberts, a genealogist at the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston. Roberts has spent almost a decade researching Bush's ancestry, which will be included in his upcoming book on presidential lineage, timed to coincide with the 200th anniversary of George Washington's inauguration April 30.

Roberts is director of publications at the Genealogical Society, the nation's oldest. According to Roberts, Bush is distantly related to 10 American presidents, including Franklin Pierce, the nearest relation (fifth cousins four times removed); Lincoln; Ulysses S. Grant; Rutherford B. Hayes; Grover Cleveland; William Howard Taft; Calvin Coolidge; Franklin Roosevelt; Richard Nixon; and Gerald Ford, the most distant relation (11th cousins once removed).

Royalty

Bush also is descended from British royalty going as far back as King Henry I, the son of William the Conqueror, said Roberts. Quayle "almost certainly" has some royal ancestry but Roberts has not thoroughly researched his family tree. Bush's and Quayle's common ancestor was James Hamilton, who died in Barnstaple in 1690. Roberts discovered one of both Bush's and Quayle's more celebrated relatives — Marilyn Monroe — through another genealogist affiliated with the Society, Richard Brennan. Brennan has documentation to show that Bush and Quayle share a common ancestor with Monroe's supposed father, Charles Stanley Gifford.



A blood-covered Canadian stands with protesters outside a Liberal rally after he was ejected for heckling Liberal leader John Turner. (Reuter radiophoto)

Canadian elections too close to call: polls

OTTAWA, Nov 14, (Reuter): With polls showing the race too close to call, Canada's party leaders headed into the final week of an election campaign trading barbs and turning up the rhetoric of the acrimonious issue of free trade with the United States.

An opinion poll released at the weekend showed the Conservatives and Liberals in a dead heat for the Nov 21 ballot, each backed by 39 per cent of decided voters.

The left-wing New Democrats, who could hold the balance of power if neither of the main parties wins a majority in parliament, were last with 20 per cent support, according to the poll broadcast by the CTV network.

Conservative Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, fighting for a majority government to ensure passage of a trade deal already signed by President Reagan, accused Liberal leader John Turner of misleading Canadians over the issue.

"Time is running out for Mr Turner when he will be telling Canadians whether or not he has any plan at all that ensures for

future prosperity without free trade?" Mulroney said during a weekend rally in Quebec.

Turner has been criticised for not offering a clear alternative on the trade issue. Liberals have said a Liberal government would seek a better deal with Washington or seek liberalised trade through the world forum of GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade).

Turner, also in Quebec, repeated accusations yesterday that under free trade the country's social welfare programmes would have to be dismantled to make Canadian companies more competitive with their US counterparts.

He accused the country's big business lobby, which has spent millions of dollars promoting the trade deal, of buying "this election for their boy Brian (Mulroney)."

Canada and the United States, comprising the world's largest trading partnership, signed the free trade accord in January. The deal calls for the elimination of remaining bilateral tariffs as well as the liberalisation of commerce in energy, services and investment.

DUESSELDORF, West Germany, Nov 14, (Reuter): West German police seized 25 kg (55 pounds) of heroin at the Dutch border and arrested two couriers who were trying to smuggle it into the Netherlands, customs authorities said today.

Yaqub Khan ends Iran visit

NICOSIA, Nov 14, (Reuter): Pakistan's Foreign Minister Sabahzada Yaqub Khan left Tehran today after discussing Afghanistan and other issues with Iranian officials during a three-day visit.

Iran and Pakistan have a total of some five million Afghan refugees between them and both back Afghan mujahideen fighting the Soviet-backed Kabul government. Yaqub Khan told Iran's

White Australia policy remains dead and buried: Hawke

CANBERRA, Australia, Nov 14, (AP): Prime Minister Bob Hawke today lashed out at critics who want lower levels of Asian immigration to Australia. Hawke said a reduction could cost the country \$300 million a year in lost business.

Hawke, addressing a conference on Asia organised by the Asia Society and Australian Institute of International Affairs, said, "the so-called immigration debate has done more damage to Australia's image and influence in Asia than any single event in recent time."

"We can't afford to lose the exporting and manufacturing expertise brought into the country by business migrants from Asia, or their knowledge of the Asian market," Hawke said.

He said the government is "determined that the old white Australia policy remains dead and buried, and that selection procedures (for immigrants) remain utterly free of discrimination on the basis of race."

The opposition Liberal Party has called for controls on Asian immigration but Hawke has rejected such controls as being racist and said further debate could hurt Australia's economic relations with southeast Asia.

Raged

The issue of levels of Asian immigration has raged for the past six months. Asian immigrants comprise about five per cent of Australia's 16 million population.

"Some people in our country believe that we can selectively participate in the economic and political life of the region, while excluding regional realities and links which might threaten their view of Australia as a white outpost of Europe," Hawke said. "My government emphatically rejects that view," he said.

He said applications from potential business immigrants, who must bring funds to start business, have fallen by up to 30 per cent.

Heroin seized

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The agency quoted Iran's First Deputy Foreign Minister, Ali Mohammad Besharati, as saying the two sides had decided on efforts to bring closer the rival Afghan mujahideen groupings in the two countries.

Minorities will have a bigger say in running country

Sudan peace accord ready

KHARTOUM, Nov 14, (Reuter): The official Sudan News Agency (SUNA) said a top politician and rebel leader John Garang were expected to sign a peace agreement today to end Sudan's five-year-old civil war.

SUNA said Garang, head of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA), and Mohammed Osman Al Mirghani, leader of the co-ruling Democratic Unionist Party (DUP), were due to hold a news conference in Addis Ababa to give details of the accord.

The two men held a first round of talks in the neighbouring Ethiopian capital yesterday.

Hampered

They were meeting again today before holding the news conference, SUNA said in a report from Addis Ababa. It quoted the men as saying they were optimistic and satisfied with the talks so far.

The SPLA has been fighting in South Sudan since 1983 to try to end what its leadership sees as the rule of a Muslim minority in the North.

Thousands of people, hit by five years of war, are starving in the South and last week a mem-

ber of the five-man collective presidency said more than two million Sudanese had moved to the North.

Fighting has hampered attempts by relief agencies to get food to the starving, and many have died. Aircraft flying food into the besieged southern town of Juba came under attack.

Khartoum press reports said

the agreement provided for a ceasefire, the lifting of a state of emergency in force since 1985 and a freeze of new Islamic sharia law legislation until after a proposed national constitutional conference.

The conference is expected to

draft a new constitution which

would provide for a fair distribution

of national wealth and give

Sudan's ethnic and religious

minorities a bigger say in the

country.

Blessing

Any agreement between the

SPLA and the DUP would have

to be submitted to the coalition

government of Prime Minister

Sadeq Al Mahdi, who has given

his blessing to the peace

initiative, despite a cabinet

decision last month to end all

contacts with the rebels.

Surprised

"I cannot speculate on the sincerity of the DUP in its search for peace. But I know that scoring points against other parties is the hallmark of the current democracy in Sudan's politics," said one Arab diplomat.

In Nairobi, an SPLA official said he was surprised at the SUNA announcement as he had expected a final communiqué but not a full-scale peace accord.

"It comes as rather a surprise," said Richard Mula, head of the SPLA's relief wing, the southern Sudan relief association.



Former Japanese premier Miki dies

TOKYO, Nov 14, (Reuter): Former Japanese Prime Minister Takeo Miki, known as "Mr Clean" because of his pledge to end big-money politics, died in Tokyo today at the age of 81.

Miki, who held office from 1974 to 1976, died of heart failure after having been in hospital for the past two years, his doctor said.

He was one of the longest-serving parliamentarians in Japan's history, and held a number of ministerial posts, including that of foreign minister, as well as being prime minister.

Miki took office after Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka was forced to resign over financial irregularities. He relinquished the post in 1976 as the Lockheed bribery scandal engulfed the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP).

Surprise

Miki's selection as the ruling party leader, and therefore as Prime Minister, came as a surprise to almost everyone, including himself.

Miki had resigned as deputy prime minister in July that year after accusing Tanaka of using vast sums of corporate money for his own political ends. The major LDP factions failed to agree on a successor and chose him as a compromise.

After a scandal over payoffs by the Lockheed aircraft company was uncovered in the US Congress in February, 1976, Miki pushed for details of Japanese involvement to be fully revealed.

70 rebels killed, claims Kabul

Afghan forces retake highway

ISLAMABAD, Nov 14, (Reuter): The radio said 69 rebels were killed and 71 seriously wounded. Guerrillas said they had no estimate yet of casualties.

A local official of the ruling People's Democratic Party in Nangarhar province was killed on Saturday in hand-to-hand fighting with rebels, Kabul Radio said.

It identified the official as Gul Rehman, party secretary in Nangarhar's Shinwar district.

Government forces have vacated various eastern border checkpoints at Torkham on the Pakistan border 11 days ago. They said they controlled most of the road and were rocketing Jalalabad, capital of Nangarhar province.

Diplomats noted it was unusual for Tass to specify an attack on a Soviet target and said the report was probably intended to underscore the continued fighting and support Moscow's decision last month to provide the Afghan Army with an undisclosed number of Scud-B surface-to-surface missiles.

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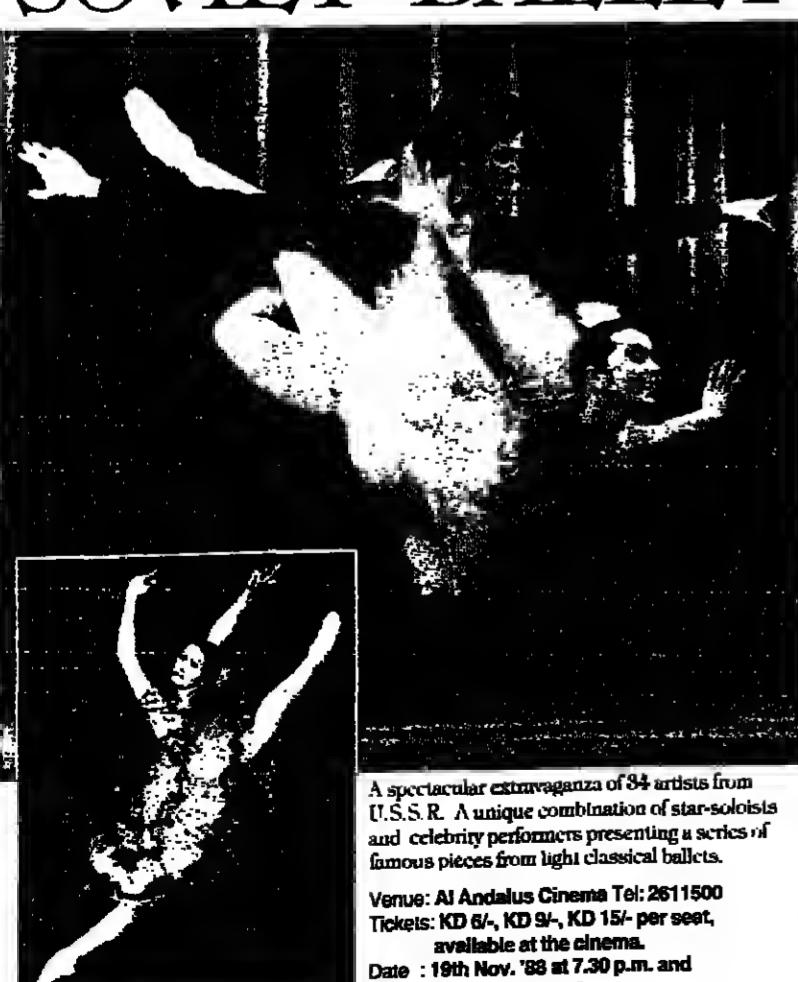
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Hungarians form first opposition group

BUDAPEST, Nov 14, (Reuter): Almost 1,000 Hungarians have launched a fledgling opposition group dedicated to Western-style democracy and withdrawal from the Warsaw Pact.

The Alliance of Free Democrats was formed at a meeting in Budapest yesterday three days after Justice Minister Kalman Kulcsar announced that a law going to parliament next month would give citizens the right to form political parties.

Underground publisher Ferenc Koeszeg, one of nine members of an elected steering committee, hailed the alliance's formation as an important step in Hungary's political development.

Parties
"It is really an opening that the forces of the democratic opposition, critical intellectuals and all those who take Hungary's democratic tradition seriously... should create one political organisation," he told a news conference.

Koeszeg said the alliance probably held the germs of three future parties in Western terms: a Liberal party, a Social Democratic party and a Green party.

The alliance's statement of principles said it regarded as examples the "three Hungarian revolutions of 1848, 1918 and 1956." Hungary's communist authorities regard the 1956 uprising as a "counter-revolution."

"To this day, the demand of 1848 for popular representation awaits realisation. To this day, the demand of 1918 for full political rights awaits realisation. To this day, the demand of 1956 for a multi-party system awaits realisation," it said.

'Many threats and dangers averted'

Kuwaiti-Saudi relations deep-rooted

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Asked about the state of military alert in Saudi Arabia during the Iran-Iraq war, Prince Sultan admitted the nation faced many threats. But, he said, Saudi Arabia faced them firmly.

The wisdom, patience and sense of balance of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz played a positive role in this respect, he said.

He added, through patience and wisdom, Saudi Arabia averted many threats and dangers.

"Saudi Arabia abides by the great principles of Islam which call for patience and wisdom," he said.

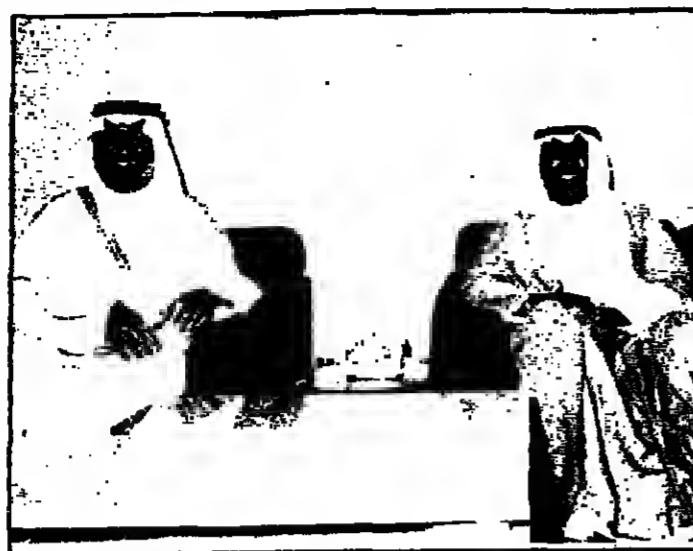
"We want relations with Islamic countries to be good and strong to serve principles of Islam and the interests of Islamic people," the prince said.

Practice

Prince Sultan pointed out that Saudi Arabia wants Iran to practise its role in the Islamic institutions and organisations.

"When King Fahd gave his call to Iran during the recent foreign ministers meeting, he wanted Iran to resume its activities as an Islamic country without making the relations with Saudi Arabia as an obstacle," he said.

Prince Sultan said relations between Kuwait and Saudi Arabia are firm and "the deep



Sheikh Saad (right) with Prince Sultan during his visit to Saudi Arabia.

roots of those ties cannot be shaken by hostile news reports or by those looking for trouble.

He said, HH the Crown Prince and Premier, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah confirmed these strong and firm relations during his meeting with King Fahd, the Saudi Crown Prince and other officials of the Saudi government.

"Sheikh Saad's visit had a special meaning and focused on many regional, Arab and international issues.

Speaking on the GCC, Prince Sultan said that it has proved its

existence as an international power and has the respect of the world.

Results

"The GCC achieved good results during the eight years of its existence." He added that the meeting of the leaders of the GCC states under one tent is considered a big success.

"It is a victory for co-operation, love and understanding that dominates the relations among GCC states," he said.

"The annual meeting among leaders of the GCC states realises the interests and aspirations of

these states and strengthens co-operation among them."

Discussing his sudden visit to Qatar, Prince Sultan said that such visits between the GCC officials are not strange. He added that after his three-day visit to Qatar, he is planning to visit the rest of the region.

Strange

He said that it was proved beyond doubt that meetings between the GCC officials are the best means to achieve good results.

"The ties between Qatar and Bahrain are good," the prince said. "This is what I have touched upon during my last visit."

Referring to Saudi expenditures, Prince Sultan said, Saudi Arabia spent \$4,000 billion (£1,000 billion) on its three five-year development plans. One-third of the amount was spent on military needs.

Projects

"Money spent on projects during the past 20 years have changed the face of Saudi Arabia. If we were to try to do these same projects now, we would require three times the amount," the prince said.

"Saudi industries find thirty markets in the region as well as in the rest of the world. The country is advancing rapidly towards becoming a competing nation. Additionally, these development projects have become another source of revenue besides oil."

GCC delegation visits Iraq to discuss projects

THE secretary-general of the Arab Gulf Chamber of Commerce Union and the general supervisor of the GCC Contractors Co-ordination Bureau, Mohammed Al Mulla, lauded the positive results on the recent visit to Iraq by GCC businessmen, contractors and industrialists.

First

The official said the visit was the first of its kind since the Iran-Iraq ceasefire. The trip began on Nov 5 and ended Thursday. During the visit, GCC representatives discussed the council's possible contributions to rehabilitation projects in Iraq.

As part of its policy to minimise the drop in operational returns, the company will rent these stations to private companies, the daily said.

The company's decision is based on an extensive study which recommend private investment in such stations as cost-effective, the daily reported.

9-year-old girl killed on road

A 9-YEAR-OLD girl identified as Ashwak M. was killed yesterday in the Qurain area after she was hit by a car while crossing the road.

A man, a woman and a young girl were also injured in other accidents yesterday, according to a report from the Ministry of Interior.

Nineteen road accidents were reported in Kuwait yesterday. Four accidents were reported in the Capital, five in Hawalli, seven in Ahmadi and three in Jahra.

Meanwhile, at a symposium hosted by the Road Safety Society, Dr Mustafa Al Dasouqi, an adviser at the Environmental Protection Department at the Public Health Ministry, said Kuwait has managed to reduce highway accident rates.



The Ambassador of India, N.N. Jha (centre) receiving the Egyptian Ambassador Saeed Rifaat at the Indian embassy on the occasion of the Jawaharlal Nehru Centenary celebrations. (Photo by Mohammad Abbes)

Cosmetic preparations can prove costly and ineffective

IMPORTERS of cosmetics and preparations for preventing baldness stress that such products are effective and have proved successful.

The local market is full of other products which manufacturers claim are able to revive youth, treat facial wrinkles, obesity and remove blackness around the eyes.

Importers are also competing to bring more of the products to Kuwait. They find new ways to attract people to spend more of these preparations. Some consumers set aside a big share of their incomes to buy these products on a regular basis, according to a local daily.

A young woman claimed that a beautician burned her face with a special cosmetic. She said that after the treatment her eyes immediately swelled and she had difficulty driving home.

Sensitive

She added that three days after the facial, her skin colour changed to red and then to black. She said her face is still sensitive.

The beautician was supposed to be a German expert on cosmetics and had been approved by officials, she said.

The young woman claimed that she spent a lot of time and money to try to bring her face back to normal. She visited three

skin doctors and after 18 months of suffering, is still left with light marks on her left cheek.

In an interview with a local daily, the woman added that she will never use cosmetics again.

Another young woman said she spends more than KD50 per session to remove unwanted hair from her chin. She has so far paid KD400 for eight electrical sessions. But, three days after her last session she discovered that her hair reappeared.

The woman demanded that officials close down the beauty centre and called upon officials at the Ministry of Public Health to investigate the complaint and get her a refund.

Facts

The head of the skin diseases unit at Sabah Hospital, Dr Ibrahim Al Sayad said that scientists have failed so far to discover a preparation to treat baldness. He stated that the local market is full of such preparations and advertisements which people read or see are not based on medical facts.

He pointed out that some baldness preparations might cause hair to grow at unwanted areas, even though it is applied to the head only.

He advised heart patients not to use baldness preparations because they cause a sharp drop

in blood pressure when large amounts are absorbed through the skin.

He advised those suffering from baldness to obtain medical checkups to ensure that loss of hair is not caused by an illness.

Discussing weight-loss products, Al Sayad pointed out that if they are administered without medical supervision they can cause serious harm.

He advised obese patients to go on a well-balanced diet suggested by many centres in Kuwait, such as the nutrition section at Sabah Hospital.

Blackness around the eyes is caused by overstrain, the doctor said. Rest is necessary to remove blackness. Other methods advised are to apply coolants such as yoghurt under the eyes during the night. Such treatment is safe and will remove blackness slowly but surely, he added.

The Ministry of Public Health will not issue permits to beauty salons to remove unwanted hair by electrical methods. This step has been taken by the Ministry of Health to ensure the safety of residents.

Wadah Al Kilani, a marketing manager of one of the importing companies, said that many merchants have exploited people by importing cheap preparations. These products come to

the country under the term "cosmetics" registered with the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Commerce. Certificates to prove the authenticity of these products have been produced to customs officials, he said.

He added that some other importers brought preparations made with herbs depending on the common Arab belief in the medical advantages of plant treatments. He pointed out that there is a big difference between preparations from plants used by Arabs and those manufactured in China. These preparations pass customs because they do not contain any chemicals, he said.

The prices of these products are exorbitant. Al Kilani said. A baldness preparation might cost the merchant KD2 only but they are sold for KD10.

Complain

The director of the Consumer Protection Department at the Ministry of Commerce, Abdullah Al Mulla, said that consumers should complain to the department if they feel they are victimised. They should bring the preparation to the department to be tested.

Those who make false claims about the products are punished with three months imprisonment and a fine of KD25, the official added.

Scarcity

Speaking of the success achieved in Saudi Arabia with the production of wheat, he noted that the land available for cultivation and the scarcity of water do not allow Kuwait to be self-sufficient in this field.

He said that Kuwait imported 185,000 tons of wheat last year, equal to 90 percent of its needs of

MTSC defends company's policies

A LOCAL daily sponsored a seminar on the Mobile Telephone System to discuss the company's decision to review subscription fees.

The chairman of Kuwait's Mobile Telephone System Co. (MTSC) Abdullah Al Sabea denied that the company's recent decision to increase the subscription fees was due to financial losses. The decision was made for technical reasons, he said.

The company did not intend to collect extra funds, but wanted subscribers to follow a rationalisation system to reduce pressure on communication channels, the official explained.

Capacities

The deputy chairman of MTSC, Fuad Al Ghannem, said that the company expected each subscriber to make only three phone calls per day.

However, subscribers actually averaged 33 daily calls per subscriber and this adversely affected the company's capacity, he said.

He said the subscribers were not only to blame. The manufacturer was also responsible because they should have enhanced the capacity of the equipment.

The company plans to improve its staff performance and productivity.

He added that the ministry plans to set up a special institute to provide technical and professional training for its staff based on the latest technology in communications.

Mail

The ministry is also planning to improve postal delivery services. The minister blamed failures in the mail service to the huge amount of mail which is processed by the post office.

The official added that plans are also underway to improve existing telephone and telecommunications services — particularly when the new telecommunication tower becomes operational.

Security issue tops agenda of summit

JEDDAH: Security co-operation tops the agenda of the Gulf Co-operation Council's (GCC) ninth summit scheduled for next month in Bahrain. Maj. Gen. Hammouda Ben Ali, the United Arab Emirates' (UAE) Minister of State for Interior Affairs was quoted as saying.

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Rico Puno: a star overnight

And the show goes on ...

IN 1976 Filipino singer Rico J. Puno became an instant celebrity with his song "Love won't let me wait," which remained a best-seller for weeks. So swift was his rise to stardom, from unknown singer to prince of pop, that he didn't even realize he had succeeded. "It was a dream come true."

He brought a dramatic change on the Filipino music scene by inventing Tagalog pop — adapting English pop with Tagalog lyrics to suit Filipino tastes.

Rico is in Kuwait for a series of concerts this week.

"I just couldn't believe it when people asked my autograph," he recalls.

He came from a middle class family. "We didn't have a car and commuted to and from school; I wore normal clothes — no trappings, jewels etc. that are associated with show business," he said.

Changes

Success took him by surprise and he had trouble adjusting to the changes. But he lapped up success, becoming the first local artiste to perform at the Philippines Cultural Centre in Manila, a fact that he never fails to point out.

"I performed with the Manila Symphony Orchestra, I was

the first local artiste to perform with them," he boasts.

He also performed at another prestigious centre — the Folk Arts Theatre.

"I was surprised and shocked, I could not accept the fact that I was making it big," he says. He welcomed all the attention. Later on, it became cumbersome.

"Now, my private life is not private anymore," he says.

"If I want to buy underwear I can't go out and buy them; that's why I'm not wearing socks," he quips, pointing to his feet. And he bursts out laughing. He laughs a lot. And his fans join him, even if the joke is on them.

"They say my success is phenomenal," he says with a trace of doubt in his voice. He believes he didn't have the traits to "make it big." "In Manila, you have to be tall, handsome, fair to be an actor or a singer or a performer. I'm exactly the opposite.

"They didn't put my picture on the first album. I asked my manager, 'Why?' He said: 'Ask me after two weeks.'" Rico recalls. Between 25,000 and 50,000 albums of his first album were sold in two weeks.

Rico confronted his manager again and was told "Rico, if we

had your picture on the album, no one would have bought it," he recalls.

Today his fans don't care about his dark, dusky looks. Thousands buy his records — 17 albums in all — and all carry Rico's picture.

"Maybe I have sex-appeal," he says.

His heart lies with the man on the street. "I'm more comfortable talking to people who can tell me the ordinary stories what's happening to them; I enjoy talking to simple people," he says.

To him show business is a "world of make-believe." To keep up appearances, he wears a diamond studded "RICO" ring and gold chains — "trappings of showbiz" as he calls them.

"But when I am at home I wash the dishes, clean the car, clean the house. I do all my work myself. And that's the move — on and off stage.

At 35, Rico has made seven films — with top actresses in the Philippines, and is called the "total entertainer" — musician-singer-actor-comedian. He released "Time After Time" in London, and is working on another album, he gives

concerts in the US, Far East and the Middle East —



Rico J. Puno: entertainer

wherever there is a concentration of Pinoys.

"The show goes on — sometime two, three or more," he says. He is constantly on the move — on and off stage.

Rico is his "dynamic best on stage," so the Filipino critics say.

"I sing songs which people expect me to sing. I talk to them, go down to them, sometime I let them sing, I dance on stage, and give them what they want," he explains.

When he's on stage he is energised. "The more I dance the more energetic I become, my adrenaline level goes up," he says. When the show ends, he feels exhausted.

But he is never too tired to be with his family. Like a majority of Filipinos he wants to be a good family man. "I have just one wife," he moans. "Not really," he adds, laughing again. His home is his sanctuary. The stage is his business.

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TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

MORNING

9.00 Holy Quran
9.10 Good Morning
9.15 Dabdoob Al Musiqar: Cartoon serial
9.45 World News via Satellite
10.00 Qulooob Baidah: Arabic serial. Starring: Anwar Ismael, Hala Sudqi, Ahmad Marae.

10.45 Good Morniog
11.00 Dars Khussousi: daily Arabic serial, Starring: Suad Abdullah

12.00 News Summary
12.15 1987 Jerash Festival

1.00 News Summary
1.05 Holy Quran/Close-down

EVENING

4.00 Holy Quran
4.15 World News via Satellite

4.45 Ra'ad Al Amlaq: cartoons

5.15 Tum Tek and Children

5.30 Eureka

5.45 We and Our Friends

6.00 Islam Wal Insaan: historical serial. Starring: Omar Harriri, Zahrat Al Ula, Anwar Ismael, Hala



Loni Anderson appears in Easy Street, KTV 2 tonight.

Fakher

7.00 News Summary
7.20 Songs and Music

7.50 Agricultural Magazine

8.30 Good Evening

9.00 News in Arabic

9.55 Makaan Fi Al Qalb: Arabic serial. Starring: Iham Shahin, Mustafa Fahmi, Amina Rizk, Hassan Mustafa.

10.45 Qadaya: Masriya: Focus on Theatre. Presented by Huda Al Mohieda

12.00 News Summary

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Satellite
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KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Dinosaurs: cartoons serial

6.30 Professor Poosauge: Children's serial

7.00 Discoveries Underwater: "City Under Sea"

8.00 News in English

8.40 Five Mile Creek: "Gold Fever." Adam Scott is injured and arrested. Easy Street: Starring: Loni Anderson.

9.30 Secrets and Mysteries: A look at psychology and the progress made in this field of science.

10.30 Yesterday's Dream: New series about Martin and his estranged wife, Diana.

11.30 News Summary

11.40 Magazine D'Actualite: Holy Quran, Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Indian Contemporary Art Exhibition

OVER 100 contemporary paintings, representing the work of 30 Indian artists, will be on show from tomorrow at the Kuwait National Museum, daily from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm. The exhibition has been organised by Boushahri.

CINEMA

Cine Club Diwanya

NOV 16: Children of a Lesser God, featuring Oscar winner Marlee Matlin and William Hurt will be shown at 7 pm at the Cine Club, Benedict Al Qar, behind Indian Embassy.

British Council

NOV 16 (6pm), Nov 17 (10.30 am): Button Moon, a children's film, featuring the Spoon Family and their friends, will be shown at the British Council. Children of all nationalities are welcome. Free admission but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 251-5512, 253-3204.

Agatha

NOV 19/20 (6.30 pm): Agatha, a fictional solution to the real-life mystery of Agatha Christie's disappearance in 1926, will be shown at the British Council, Mansouriya. It stars Dustin Hoffman and Vanessa Redgrave. Admission is free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 251-5512/253-3204.

EXHIBITION

Afghanistan — GM Motorshow UNTIL THURSDAY: 9.30 am-1 pm; 4-8 pm; A full range of 1989 GM cars will be displayed at the Tent, SAS Hotel. All are welcome.

MUSIC

Swiss pianist gives recital

NOV 23: Swiss pianist Werner Bartschi will give a recital at the Al Jabra Ballroom, Meriden Hotel. He will play compositions by Bach, Chopin, etc.

NIGHT CHEMIST

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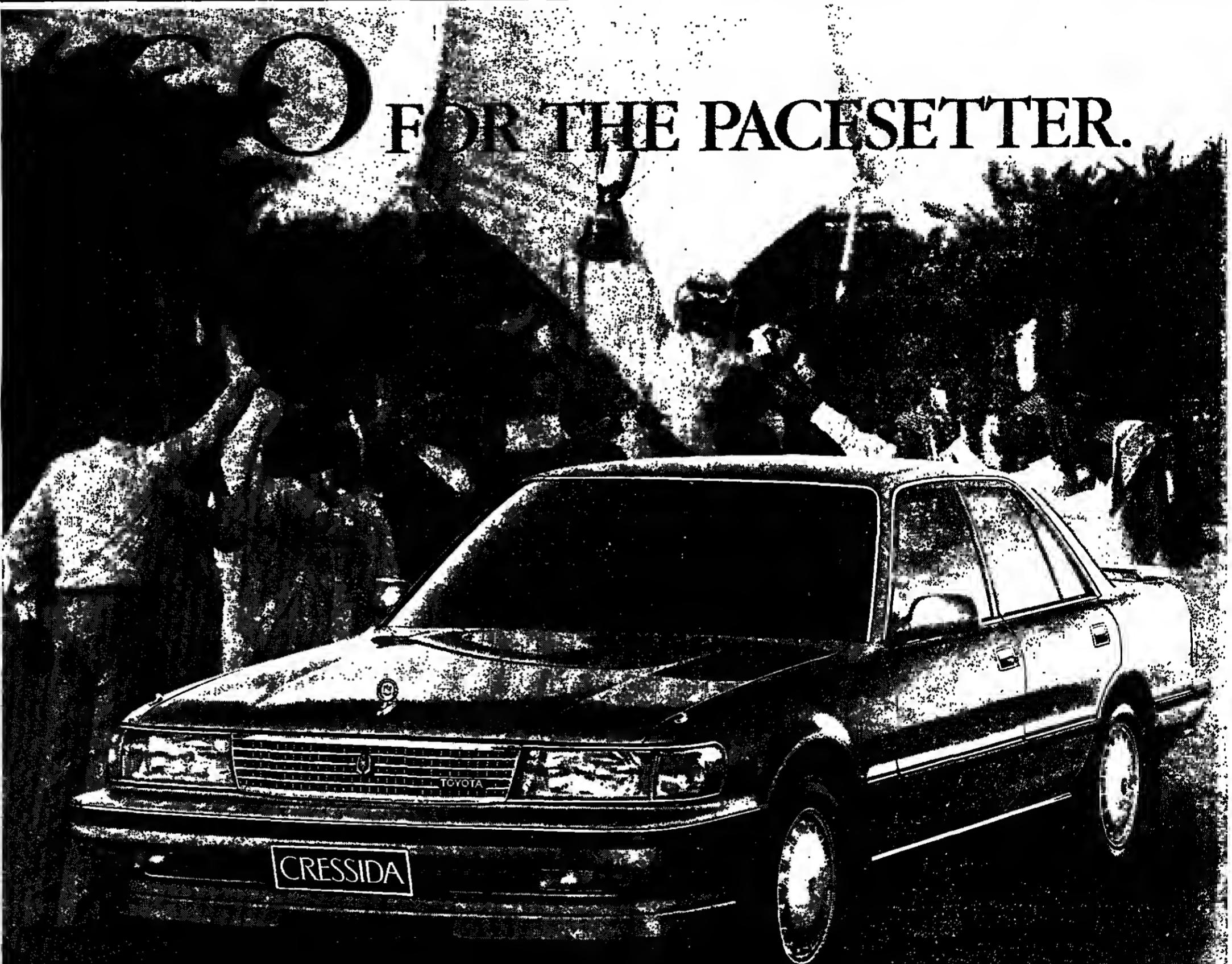
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CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus Police Academy V Starring: Bubba Smith, Janet Smith Al Salimya Al Tahaddi (Arabic) Starring: Nabila Obaid, Farouk Fishawi, Farid Shawki Al Hamra Ibtidai Madrasah (Arabic) Starring: Nabila Obaid, Hisham Salim, Sahrin Drive-In Malaf Samiya Sharawi (Arabic) Starring: Nadiya Al Jundi, Farouk Fishawi, Kamal Shinnawi Al Firdous Sone Pe Shuhaga (Hindi) Starring: Dharmendra, Sridevi Fahabeel Open-Air Daku Hasina (Hindi)

PRAYERS

Fajr	4.50 am
Zuhri	11.32
Asr	2.32 pm
Maghrib	4.52
Isha	6.13



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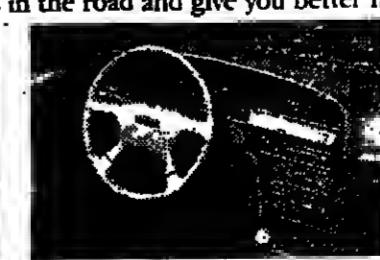


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NOTHING is terrible except fear itself — Sir Francis Bacon, English writer (1561-1626).

OPINION

Inject life into the Stock Market

THE government's positive attitude towards the real estate sector in Kuwait in 1986 led to a decrease in supply and an increase in demand.

In 1986, the government decided to purchase its real estate needs for the next five years. The decision solved the problems of owners who could not build on areas which fell within government organisation plans.

Through such actions, the government offered property owners over KD600 million in the form of bonds that can be cashed at the Kuwaiti local banks. These measures increased the value of assets owned by real estate merchants and improved their financial positions, especially those who had mortgaged their property.

This scene in the real estate market was not reflected in the Stock Market. On the contrary, the Stock Market continued to feel the complexity of the Manakh debacle along with the consequent harmful laws and decisions.

We want to propose a practical solution. If the government seriously wants to inject life into the Stock Market, then what is needed is an operation room to be comprised of members from the Central Bank, the Ministry of Finance, the Stock Exchange Market and the Kuwaiti Chamber of Commerce. Some of the Chamber's representatives should be dealers.

This operation room should evaluate the prices of shares traded in the market now, then work out a price for them for the next five years. Consideration should be given so that the price is generous like the price of government real estate expropriation.

Additionally, the government should decide on an amount of aid equivalent to what it gave to the real estate market to be paid during the next five years to dealers interested in selling their shares or securities.

The present price of shares is very low. Should the government enter as a long term investor in the manner suggested, it will certainly make profit and improve the prices of shares.

By doing so, shareholders will improve their financial positions, which is important because many of them are indebted to the local banks.

As is the case now, such loans are guaranteed by the government, because the government according to the law is the guarantor of the local commercial banks.

The process is the same for the government. Any adverse effect will have to be borne by the government and progress will be harvested by the government.

What people want now is for equality between what the government provided to the real estate sector and what it should provide to the Stock Market.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Ancient Afghan capital in ruins

By Kathy Gannon

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan. (UPI): Evening campfires in the tents of nomads dance to a night sky studded with fire from warring Muslim rebels and communist government soldiers on the desert plain outside Kandahar.

In the desert sunset, turbaned men oblivious to the shios face southwest toward the Muslim holy city of Makkah to begin their evening prayer. Shadows of women draped in voluminous layers of coloured cloth move on the tent.

The primitive tribes have for centuries camped near Kandahar's rural satellite village of Argandab. Now, sophisticated Soviet jets scream overhead.

Less than a mile (1.6 kms) from their camp, Muslim rebels called mujahedeen blast away at government military posts with recoilless rifles, rocket-propelled grenade launchers and light and heavy machine guns.

The Army's artillery is an even match but troops of the Kabul government have an advantage of airpower from the Soviet Union. Newly introduced MiG-27 ground-attack and fighters and "Backfire" bombers have blasted civilian and guerrilla targets since the beginning of November.

Outnumber

In Argandab, six miles (10 kms) from Kandahar, civilians outnumber rebels. Earlier this month, jets swept over the main bazaar, leveling a portion of it, killing nine people and injuring another 80.

A squat man with a gray beard said, "When I wake up in the morning until I go to sleep, I'm not sure about my life, that I will be alive five minutes from now because of the war."

The old man, wrapped in a blanket, said he lived in Kandahar, once the capital of all Afghanistan. Kandahar is about 500 kms (310 miles) southwest of Kabul and 100 miles (160 kms) from the border of Pakistan.

Through the fine dust that hangs in Kandahar, the pale blue dome of the Kalqi Sharif

Deserted

Yet guerrillas may move just a few metres (yards) from entrances such as this one, usually under the cover of night.

Western journalists who go into the guerrilla-held areas around Kandahar do so without government authorisation.

Kandahar, known as the city of kings, is the birthplace of generations of Afghan royalty. The ornate tomb of Ahmad Shah Durrani, the grandfather of exiled Afghan King Zahir Shah, is a venerated site of monarchists who are in the majority around Kandahar, both among the mujahedeen and civilians.

The rubble of blasted buildings clogs streets, forcing motorised rickshaws and horse-drawn "tongs" to steer an obstacle course through the bazaar.

Damage

Gul Lalai, a commander of the National Islamic Front of Afghanistan rebel group, said a bulk of the damage near the Herat gate on the Western edge of Kandahar occurred when fighter jets aiming at guerrilla positions in nearby suburb missed their mark. He spoke to the Associated Press at a guerrilla base.

Guerrillas have operated extensively in and around the city for years, shown by heavy tank fire damage to the mud homes and shops.

The main bazaar looks like a two-dimensional movie set. Behind the facades of shops are only mounds of rubble.

General elections after more than a decade

Pakistan makes another try at democracy

By Bryan Wilder

ISLAMABAD, (AP): Despite a war at its border and ethnic tension inside Pakistan, this Muslim nation of 107 million people will make its first try at democracy in more than a decade in general elections tomorrow.

More than 30 political parties are battling over 217 seats at stake in the National Assembly but the main contest is between the right-wing loyalists of late President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq and the grassroots opposition led by Benazir Bhutto.

Barred

Gen. Zia, chief of the Army, ousted socialist Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto in a 1977 coup and had him hanged two years later. His daughter, Benazir, has since inherited the Bhutto personality cult which fuels the massive Pakistani People's Party, or PPP.

Zia was killed in a mysterious Aug 17 plane crash which investigators say was caused by sabotage. The alleged perpetrators have not been publicly identified.

His death paved the way for

National Assembly elections and balloting for the four provincial legislatures on Nov 19.

Zia set the dates himself back in July under his own rules which barred candidates from running as anything but individuals.

But the presidency on Zia's death passed to the Senate chairman, Gulam Ishaq Khan, a venerable, 73-year-old technocrat and staunch advocate of the constitution.

He immediately promised free and fair elections, and called on the courts to decide how they should be run.

In a series of stunning decisions, justices ruled in favour of the PPP's petitions to open the polls to all political parties and to drop controversial registration requirements.

The result is what could be the first democratic elections in Pakistan since the 1973 polls that swept the late Bhutto to power.

Bhutto was re-elected in 1978 but Zia nullified the results after the coup on the pretense that the voting was rigged.

Tomorrow's election is a battle of the legacies of the two dead rivals.

Benazir, 35, will fight for

making Islam the law of the land. Zia's action drove a wedge in the PML between Junjo loyalists and the Zia protege that stayed on in a caretaker administration.

Junjo reluctantly abandoned a vigorous personal campaign in mid-October to heal the party rift in the face of what was emerging as a possible PPP rout.

He since has restricted his movements mainly to his home district of southern Sind province, but is still tipped as the alliance's top candidate for prime minister in the event of a right-wing victory.

Birth

Benazir's campaign only got rolling in late October because of the Sept 21 birth of her first child and a subsequent kidney infection.

But roll it did, by train through dozens of towns and cities of Sind and populous Punjab province where tens of thousands turned out at rail stations at all hours to catch a glimpse of the opposition leader.

The PPP is widely viewed as the biggest single party in Pakistan but there have been no reliable polls during the election cam-

aign to confirm this. Whichever group wins the most seats in the National Assemblies has the first chance at forming a government.

Despite their differences, the battle between the PPP and the IDA has been more one of personalities and symbols than of issues.

Benazir has abandoned her father's disastrous economic policy of nationalizing industry and, like her conservative opponents, has pledged to continue close ties with the United States and support of Afghan anti-communist guerrillas.

Oppose

Both sides favour Pakistan's nuclear research programme for peaceful purposes but oppose opening facilities to outside inspection unless archival India does the same.

Both sides also have paid lip service to Islamization but Benazir has criticized its potential harm to women's rights.

But where the PPP has figureheads in Benazir and her mother, Begum Nusrat Bhutto, the IDA has only the Muslim League's Junjo and its Punjab leader Nawaz Sharif. Both men's power bases are mainly restricted to

their home provinces.

The Bhuttos also enjoy broad support in Punjab and Sind but the leftist Awami (People's) National Party of Punjab separatist leader Abdul Wali Khan is expected to win majorities in the sparse Baluchistan and North West Frontier Province.

Illiterate

Pakistan's 48 million eligible voters, three-fourths of whom are illiterate, are to choose between symbols at the 33,300 polling booths around the country: an arrow for the PPP, a bicycle for the Zia loyalists and a lantern for the ANP.

Some 24 other symbols signify small splinter groups, local and religious parties.

Since an ethnic killing spree in late September that left 300 people dead in the southern cities of Hyderabad and Karachi, the election campaign has been free of political violence that has marred Pakistan politics in the past.

Nevertheless, authorities banned public rallies in potential trouble spots and officials said the Army will be poised to quell any unrest.

Meticulous planning gave Bush the victory

By Tom Raum

WASHINGTON, (AP): Early on election day, sudden panic swept through the top echelon of the George Bush campaign as overnight tracking polls suggested a 3-10 point lead sustained for a week might be collapsing.

Suddenly, Bush strategists began wringing their hands and seeing a new vulnerability that, as it turned out, wasn't really there.

The nervousness in the final hours might have been expected in a campaign that many political analysts now point to as a textbook example of state-of-the-art sophistication in political showmanship.

And, although former Sen. Barry Goldwater has scoffed at a campaign "run by Madison Avenue," Bush strategists point to these techniques as an important factor in the vice-president's Nov. 8 victory over Michael Dukakis.

Polling

Some examples:

- Constant polling by Bush pollster Robert Teeter, involving no fewer than 1,000 calls each night, was used extensively to guide Bush's itinerary, enabling him to get the most political bang from each appearance.

As Bush hammered Dukakis, some within the campaign grew angry at their own inability to respond. Even vice-presidential nominee Lloyd Bentsen complained.

"Everybody was frustrated by the unwillingness to deal with it," said one campaign official, insisting on anonymity.

As a result, campaign staffers out in the field sometimes worked around Dukakis and his campaign hierarchy. In some states they secretly printed and circulated tough ads and brochures that weren't approved by the headquarters in Boston — "a bootleg counter-slash," one official called it.

Dukakis and his top campaign officials in Boston didn't seem to understand the values and symbolism behind these issues Bush had chosen. Dukakis seemed to assume that the nation knew him as Massachusetts voters did.

Advanced facsimile and other communications equipment aboard Air Force Two enabled campaign chairman James A. Baker III to call the shots from his fully-staffed, well-equipped headquarters in Washington. Virtually no decisions were made on the road.

All aspects of the campaign were co-ordinated in advance. Stump speeches were designed to look good on television. Themes were repeated for days, even weeks. Television advertising

should blood test them. I think he is on steroids again."

Treasurer Paul Keating said of Liberal Party leader John Howard: "What we have is a dead carcass swinging in the breeze. But nobody will cut it down because there is no one to take its place."

Disruption during question time, the stated aim of which is to elicit information from the government, partly through impromptu queries, has severely curtailed responses.

Questions

This year there has been an average of 12 questions in the 50 minutes of question time, compared with an average of 19 in 1976.

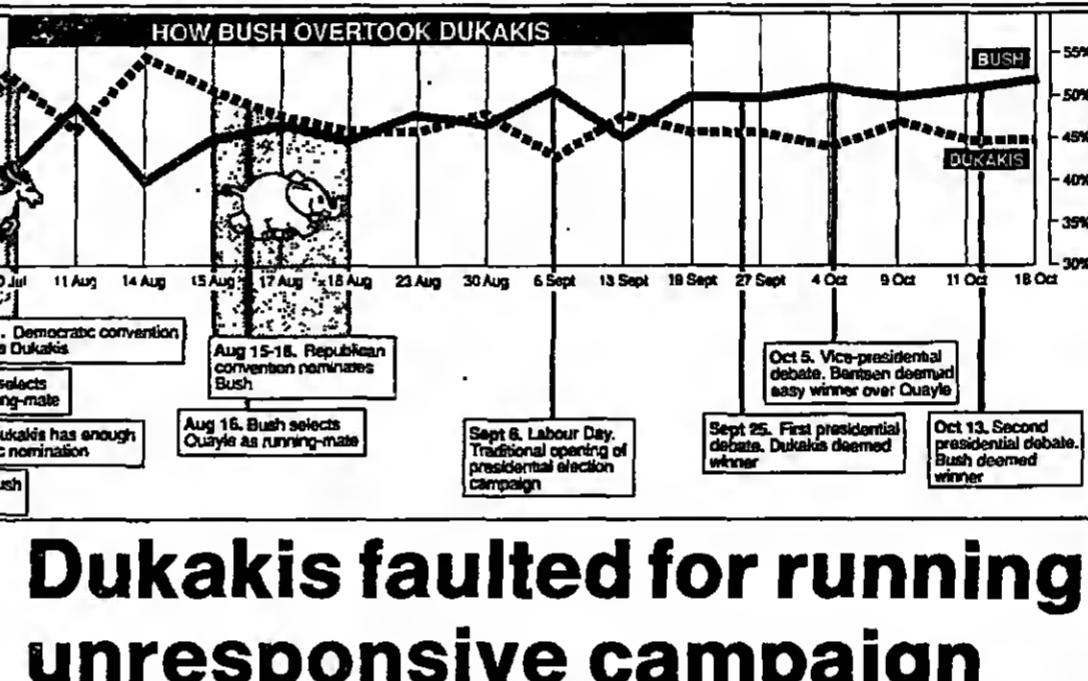
Labour has been in power for the past five years, has a 22-seat overall majority and need not call a general election until mid-1990.

A concern for the government is that the rowdiness could harm its image with electors, who look with bemusement from the public gallery and tune in on the live National Radio broadcast.

Bruce Goodluck, a Liberal Party member who travelled from the island of Tasmania, 800 km (500 miles) from parliament, said:

"I am sick of mucking around, so let's get on with question time."

"Good on you, Bruce. I love you, and I love your smile too," responded Prime Minister Bob Hawke.



Dukakis faulted for running unresponsive campaign

By William M. Welch

BOSTON, (AP): At the end, Michael Dukakis said he'd learned something in his failure: "One of the lessons of the campaign is you have to respond and you have to respond quickly."

Some who had campaigned for Dukakis groaned when they heard it. If this was the lesson, it was one they had learned long before and bad tried repeatedly to tell Dukakis and his high command.

"That's the first lesson ofward (local) politics," said Michael Goldman, a Boston political consultant brought in late in the campaign as an adviser.

Dukakis was faulted all for failing to respond to strong attacks on his record from Vice-President George Bush's campaign. But interviews with those inside the campaign suggest the same might well be said of the candidate himself.

His failure to respond was, most observers believe, a large reason he was unsuccessful. But it was not the full story of why the governor of Massachusetts failed as Democratic presidential nominee in the Nov 8 election.

Rather, it reflected a larger problem: a candidate and campaign that were aloof and parochial and many felt arrogant.

Dukakis and his campaign had badly underestimated their opponent. They resisted outside advice until it was too late. They failed to mount a team unprepared for the rough

until the race had been lost, and in fact had no effective strategy after winning the nomination.

...They squandered months delivering little more than bland bromides. And they failed utterly to recognise the devastating impact the other side's attacks were having, even as Dukakis' image was being undermined.

"They didn't know people," said Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young.

Young was referring to Dukakis' advisers and consultants.

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Benazir prepares for a tryst with destiny

Memoirs of a dutiful daughter

By Tariq Ali

THE story so far is as follows. A feudal family in the Pakistani province of Sind — where landlords are brutal and peasants are serfs — decides to educate its male progeny.

Zulfikar Ali Bhutto is, as a consequence, sent to Berkely and Oxford. It is the early Fifties.

He returns home a successful barrister and a brilliant mimic and raconteur. The wit, however, is often laced with savagery. The charm is genuine, but always saucy.

Bhutto had been the victim of an arranged family marriage to a cousin, but it was never really consummated. He later met a strikingly handsome Iranian woman in Karachi. They got married. Four children ensued, two girls and two boys. Benazir was the firstborn.

Now it is very likely that if the country had developed peacefully the Bhuttos might have become a legal dynasty.

History, however, intervened in the round shape of general Ayub Khan, the country's first military dictator. This General, disliked by all the mullahs, enjoyed a drink or two and loved a well-organized shoot.

All these characteristics brought him close to the young lawyer. In 1958, Bhutto was offered a Cabinet post. He was then 35. He never looked back.

Uprising

In 1968 a student uprising challenged the dictatorship. Bhutto had been sacked by Ayub in 1966. He now emerged as the only political leader in West Pakistan who fully supported the students. He created the Pakistan People's Party.

The students joined by the workers, toppled Ayub. A stop-gap military dictator organised new elections. Bhutto won in the West. Bengali nationalism triumphed in the eastern wing of the country. Civil war followed. Pakistan disintegrated. Bhutto became the leader of the truncated

On the eve of the Pakistani election, Benazir Bhutto publishes her autobiography in which she gives her version of her father's death. Tariq Ali reviews the book.



Benazir Bhutto: a daughter of the East

A large chunk of this autobiography is Benazir's posthumous tribute to her father. It is the story of Electra. It was not just the Bhutto family which was traumatised when Zia sent Bhutto to his death on April 4, 1979. The country was stunned. Its only elected Prime Minister had been judicially assassinated.

Moving

The most moving passages in this book are the descriptions of Bhutto's last days. The transition from an autocratic, albeit, democratically elected leader to the humiliated and tormented occupant of a tiny, windowless death-cell was total agony.

Yet this was Bhutto's finest hour. He refused to bow his head or plead for mercy. In his last appearance before the Supreme Court he was proud and defiant, but without any

illusions. He knew the Army and he realised that they could not let him live if they wanted to rule Pakistan.

His daughter relives the most painful period of her life in these pages as she recounts her conviction that her father was killed before he was officially hanged.

Gory

Benazir's two brothers were in Western Europe. Overcome by desperation and ill-served by the scoundrels who surrounded them, they decided to launch an "armed struggle" to remove Zia. Kahul provided them with a temporary haven.

The hijacking of a Pakistan airliner and the killing of a hostage was their only serious act. It resulted in the release of a few dozen political prisoners from

Zia's prisons, but internally the results were a disaster.

Benazir describes in gory detail, with the help of witnesses, the repression that followed. In her home province of Sind, in particular, the powers that be unleashed countless atrocities.

This book is essentially Benazir Bhutto's account of Pakistani politics over the last two decades. There are too many clichés, especially where understatement would have been better, but the book contains much of value. It is, as was to be expected, totally partisan. It is Zulfikar Ali Bhutto who is the hero of this tome, but the warts are simply ignored. Full of emotion, it has outweighted objectivity.

Bhutto was not a saint. He made many mistakes. He had many vices. These should have been acknowledged, if only indirectly. It would have made the onslaught on Zia's despotism far more effective. For the fact remains that Bhutto was killed not because of his vices but to wipe out the memory of his virtues.

He had enshelched the poor of town and country to raise their eyes and stare back at the oppressors. That was enough for the traditional rulers of the country.

Benazir had lost her father. Her favourite brother had been poisoned to death in France. Her mother had been seriously ill. Her other brother was exiled from his native land. She decided, after many years of delay, to agree to an arranged marriage. Her defence of this institution is not totally convincing, but few will grudge her the chance to be happy.

Of course a new chapter could well be starting in her life and it remains to be seen whether Asif Zardari is contented with becoming the Pakistani Denis Thatcher.

Daughter of the East: An Autobiography, by Benazir Bhutto (Hamish Hamilton £12.95)

Courtesy: The Guardian

Barbara Bush: a low-keyed future first lady

By Irwin Arieff

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): Barbara Bush is a genial, down-to-earth woman who says she is more interested in running a household than in helping her husband run the country.

"I don't fool around with his office and he doesn't fool around with my household," the 63-year-old wife of president-elect George Bush is fond of saying.

Speculation on the political influence exerted by US president's wives has become popular sport in recent years with such powerful personalities as Nancy Reagan and Rosalyn Carter holding sway. But Mrs Bush, the mother of five and grandmother of 10, discourages such talk in her case.

"First of all, I'd hope to be the wife and mother I've always been," she said in written replies to questions earlier this year.

"I'd just be the same as I've been throughout George's varied career," at the White House, Congress, the United Nations, the Central Intelligence Agency and elsewhere.

The portrayal seems consistent with what friends say.

"She'll speak her mind, but only to him. And she won't try to sway him, because of what he is," said Jack Steel, a Bush aide who has known the couple for 27 years.

All that is not to say that Barbara Bush is a timid soul without strong views or, on occasion, a tart tongue.

"Her fingernails will get a little sharp if she thinks people are not treating George right," says family friend George Strake.

The fierce protectiveness of her husband — a trait she shares with Nancy Reagan — has occasionally led Mrs Bush into controversy. The most



Barbara Bush: fiercely protective of her husband

notable example came during the 1984 Reagan-Bush re-election campaign when she described Geraldine Ferraro, the Democratic vice-presidential nominee, as a "four million dollar... I can't say it, but it rhymes with rich."

Friends say another sign of the independent streak in Mrs Bush is her preference for dressing simply in a town where fashion is equated with status and her refusal to dye her snow-white hair — despite quips it makes her look like her husband's mother.

People say she's hammering George because she won't dye her hair, but she is what she is — and she doesn't make any bones about it," says Strake, an oil man from the same Houston, Texas, circles in which the Bushes once moved.

"She is a very down-to-earth, caring, tough but compassionate person."

Refuses

Mrs Bush refuses to discuss publicly her personal views on controversial topics such as abortion — an issue on which she differed in the past from her husband's strong opposition.

She has said she owes her silence out of loyalty.

That is precisely the task taken by Bush as vice-president when he refused to disclose his advice to President Reagan on the secret sales of arms to Iran in 1985-86.

Mrs Bush, at 63, a year younger than her husband of 43 years, met the young George at

a Christmas party when she was 17 — they both came from wealthy families in the New York City vicinity — and says she swept her off her feet.

The adoration appears to be mutual although, unlike the Reagans, they seldom show their affection in public.

The vice-president says marrying Barbara, whom he refers to as "Bar," was "the thing I did right."

She was born Barbara Pierce in Rye, New York, on June 8, 1925. Her father was Marvin Pierce, publisher of McCell's magazine.

She attended Smith College, among the most prestigious women's institutions in the United States, but dropped out during her sophomore year to marry Bush on January 6, 1945.

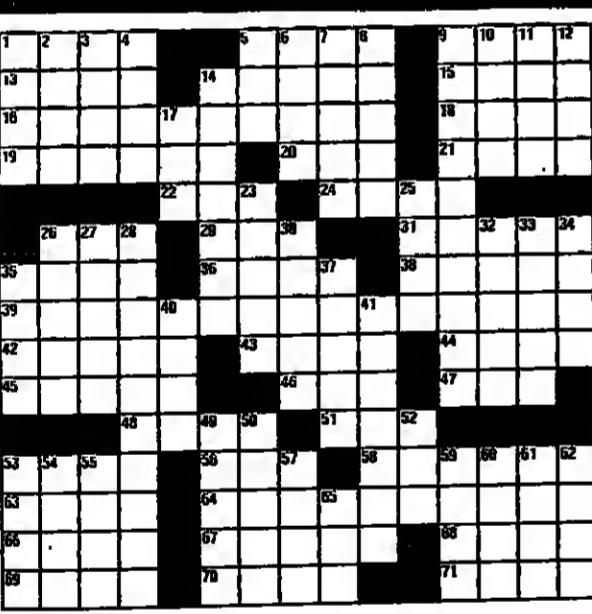
He was then a young combat-decorated naval aviator home on leave from World War II duty in the Pacific.

Though Barbara never got her undergraduate degree, she has since received honorary degrees from five colleges.

Since their marriage, Mrs Bush has set up a new household in 17 cities as her husband moved from being a Texas oilman to being a member of Congress, Republican Party leader, envoy to China and the United Nations and head of the Central Intelligence Agency.

"She is his greatest asset. She's a real trouper," said Steel. "Wherever the Bush family moved, she settled in, set up the household and made new friends."

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

EAST'S TANGLED WEB

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH

♦ Q J 10 4
♥ K J 10 9 4
♦ K J
♦ 7 5

WEST

♦ 7
♦ 8 6 3 2
♦ 8 5
♦ A K Q 10 9 4 ♦ J 8 2

EAST

♦ 7
♦ 7 5
♦ A 7 6 4 3

SOUTH

♦ A 8 5 3 2
♦ A Q
♦ Q 10 9 2
♦ 6 3

The bidding:

South West North East
1 ♠ 2 ♠ 3 ♠ Pass
3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass
Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♠

Assume you are East. Partner leads the king of clubs and you follow with the deuce. How do you hope to defeat the contract?

If you are looking for a way now, the boat has already sailed — you should have thought before playing to the first trick. Now partner will take two club tricks and then shift. Eventually you will get your ace of diamonds, but declarer will finesse you out of your trump king and make his contract.

See the difference if you start an echo on the first club by dropping the eight, and complete it with the deuce when partner continues the suit at trick two. Partner will surely lead a third club and declarer, fearing that you are out of the suit, will ruff with one of dummy's honors to prevent an uppercut with the nine of spades.

Declarer might be a little surprised when you follow suit. He will be far more disconcerted when he finds that, by ruffing high, he has established your nine of trumps as the setting trick — all you have to do is cover with the king when declarer leads one of dummy's trump honors. Not what you would call a spectacular falsecard; just a simple little coup that is almost bound to succeed.

Deception need not be elaborate to be successful. East's play on this hand is within the grasp of everyone — provided you can foresee the problem you will be posing for your opponents.

Note North's cue-bid of the enemy suit despite the fact that he had two losers there. In the modern style, the immediate cue-bid by responder always sets up a forcing situation and fixes trumps, but does not promise control of the enemy

ACROSS
1 Spoken exam
5 Mighty mite
9 Musical ending
13 Contentious item?
14 Family member
15 Burden
16 Not working
18 Bountiful's state
19 Homework
20 Fox's friend
21 Othello or Iago
22 Time zone ebb.
24 Novgorod no
26 — Vegas
29 Child's toy
31 Part of a song
35 Alida series
36 Yours and mine
38 Rub out
39 Without understanding
42 Get a touchdown
43 Observed
44 Cupid
45 Frescas
46 Composer Rorem
47 Nonsense!
48 Is in debt
51 Social
53 measure
56 Anonymous Richard
58 Excuses of a sort
59 — of mouth
4 Catalog enclosure
8 Alaska city
7 Card game starters
8 Feminine suffix
9 Headliner
0 Shade trees
1 Footwear

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When starvation is an addiction...

By Christina Doyle

ANOREXIA, the slimmer's disease, and its binge and vomit cousin, bulimia, have spawned an extraordinary number of theories and therapists.

Doctors, psychiatrists, feminists, child development experts, social anthropologists and not least sex researchers have all pronounced and, to a large extent, have had little impact on halting the spread of these largely hidden starvation addictions.

Confusion is so great that "occasionally emaciated anorexics can die in the bosom of a caring family," says Marilyn Duker, herself a therapist and joint author with social psychologist Roger Slade of *Anorexia and Bulimia: How to Help* (Open University Press £8.95).

For five years Marilyn, who has four children of her own, has been advising and increasingly fostering sufferers from anorexia and bulimia.

She sets out, not to dismiss all the "awe-inspiring" theories, but rather to "weave a practical middle way through for those who must deal with anorexics and bulimics every day."

Not least, she and Slade call for much more emphasis on learning how to recognise the

early signs rather than letting sufferers slide towards the abyss where "they are losing three or four pounds a week, have bones sticking through their bottom and are approaching terminal starvation."

Tiny

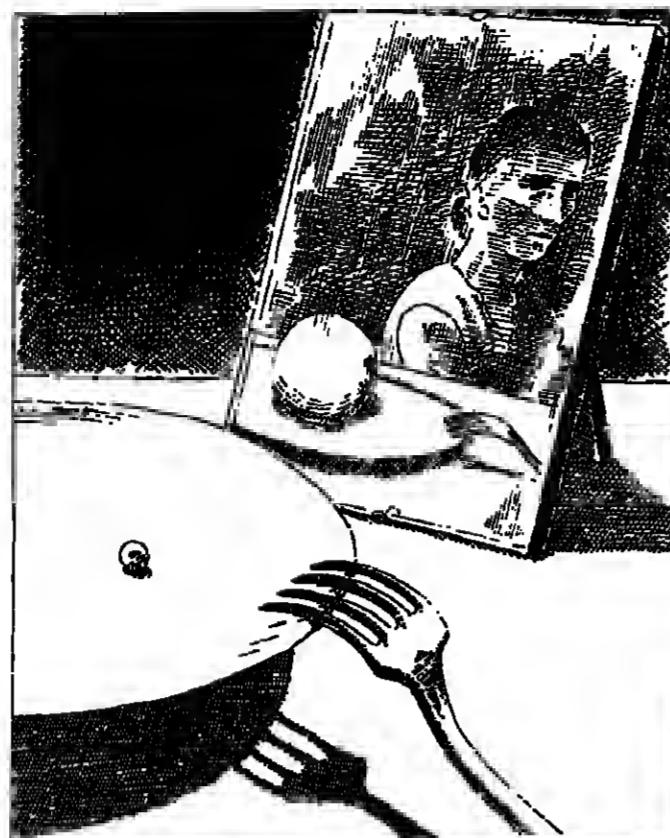
Or where a tiny amount of food appears to be enormous and their own emaciated mirror reflections seem perpetually fat.

At present, only some four anorexics in 10 make a full recovery within two to five years, and many remain chronically ill. If first suspicions are followed through, there is a chance of halting the disorder within the first year.

That there is an underlying trend towards hunger addiction in society is clear from tests revealing high "anorexic scores" by between five and 16 per cent of schoolgirls and college students.

Almost half the pupils in a British school had high scores. This implies that some were already engaging in anorexic or bulimic behaviour while others were heavily dieting.

Complications of anorexia range from early osteoporosis, kidney problems and fluid retention, damaged fertility, slow heartbeat, lethargy and growth of body hair.



Bulimics, who abuse laxatives and diuretics as well as vomiting after meals, risk excessive and potentially lethal biochemical imbalances and heart problems.

Death rates range from a low of two per cent (a high death rate in what is basically a young and healthy population) to an estimate as high as 19 per cent.

As is very familiar from such television programmes as the influential documentary Cath-

erine, about a young woman who died after slumping to just over four stones, victims of eating disorders typically come from affluent, professional families and are very articulate, as the first-hand account on the right illustrates.

"We try to strike a new balance between the role of medical and other helpers. We insist that helpers ask for and respond to medical information.

Fixation

"It is no good concentrating on a childhood fixation and ignoring both the psychological and physiological effects of starvation. Equally those who are medically trained often do not have the human skills or the time to address the root of the problem."

Central to both anorexia and bulimia is that, for whatever reason, control over food has become the highest priority in life. Staying in control is regarded as "good" and lapses as disgusting and despicable, and, to the sufferer, further confirmation of his or her own belief that somehow they are inadequate or worthless.

The Duker and Slade book contains a range of practical assessments of "good" and "bad" medical strategies which may be followed by doctors, hospitals and not least helpers.

A tough but also most sympathetic approach, it details how to take the appropriate medical steps at all stages in the illnesses, if necessary by recourse to the law.



Tests involving over 17,000 potential heart attack victims have led to the development of new treatment with aspirin and streptokinase. Here actor Peter Woodward, 32, who suffered a heart attack last year, undergoes tests at the Royal Society of Medicine in London.

Aspirin and streptokinase a life-saving combination

By John Webb

THE largest ever study of emergency treatment of heart attacks confirms that literally tens of thousands of lives could be saved each year by adoption of a simple treatment combining aspirin and the clot-dissolving drug, streptokinase.

The trial, officially known as the second international study of infarct survival or ISIS-2, was co-ordinated in Britain and involved 17,187 heart patients in 417 hospitals throughout Europe, North America and Australasia.

In a report to the "Lancet" medical journal, the co-ordinators say it has now been demonstrated conclusively that the simple treatments of aspirin

and streptokinase are making certain blood cells less "sticky", so decreasing the likelihood of clots forming in blood vessels such as the coronary arteries.

Professor Peter Sleight says the implication of the findings is that streptokinase is beneficial among many more types of patients than was previously thought. "So treatment can be used much more widely—and many more lives can be saved."

Both streptokinase and aspirin are old drugs long out of patent in Europe. Aspirin does not require careful monitoring and the side-effects of the low dose used in this instance are minimal. This, together with its low cost, means it could be used to treat almost all heart attack patients, even in the countries with limited medical resources.

Aspirin spray—to fight flu

By Rob Stein

BOSTON (UPI): A spray containing aspirin may offer an effective way to kill viruses that cause the flu, West German researchers say.

In a letter published recently in the New England Journal of Medicine, scientists at the Free University in Berlin said laboratory studies showed for the first time aspirin suppresses the growth of influenza viruses, which cause the flu.

"Aspirin is a very common drug that has been used to fight influenza virus but not for the purpose of killing the virus. Aspirin sinks the fever and kills the pain," said Richard Huang, a professor of biochemistry at the Free University in Berlin.

"We thought that aspirin might also have a direct effect on the virus growth itself. We tested it and found it did indeed have a very potent effect on the growth of the virus," Huang said in an interview.

Huang stressed much more

research is needed, but said his experiments "indicate" aspirin delivered directly to the virus may be an effective way of treating the flu.

Concentrations of aspirin attainable by taking it orally would not be high enough to have a significant effect on the virus, he said, but a spray to deliver aspirin directly into the respiratory system through the mouth may.

Huang also speculated long-term regular doses of aspirin taken orally may protect people against the flu.

"We're hopeful that long-time ingestion of aspirin at lower concentrations may be some kind of protective action may be achieved, Huang said.

In the experiments, the researchers grew two types of influenza virus in dog kidney cells, which are commonly used to study influenza viruses, Huang said.

"It's not a very pleasant kind of material. I don't know that one could do it with an aerosolized approach that they're talking about," he said.

Dr John Lamontagne of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases said he was sceptical about the anti-viral activity of aspirin.

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Similar findings were reported by researchers from France and Belgium.

In the current X-ray technique, called contrast venography, a special drug that shows up on X-rays is injected into a vein in the patient's foot. X-rays then reveal the clot sites where the chemical has concentrated.

"Venography is very accurate, but it is an invasive, painful procedure with side effects," Alavi said. "The drug in itself can cause clots and damage other organs, such as the kidney. The procedure is difficult to perform and to interpret. Certain parts of the body, such as the pelvis or uterus, are not accessible to this technique."

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Sea coral: promising substitute for bone

By Soll Sussman

TORONTO (AP): Plastic surgeons have found that sea coral can be an effective alternative to bone grafts, especially for facial operations, according to research presented at a convention in Toronto.

Dr Harvey Rosen, associate clinical professor of plastic surgery at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, said South Pacific coral is nearly ideal for replacing human bone in certain situations.

"You can't use it willy-nilly," he said in an interview during the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons convention. "You have to use some surgical judgement in the site that you use it and the reason that you use it."

The US Food and Drug Administration approved sea coral for plastic surgery use about 2 1/2 years ago.

The 46 coral recipients Rosen studied all had positive results 10 to 28 months following surgery. He said hundreds of patients elsewhere also have received coral grafts but no complete count is available.

Rosen said doctors long have sought a substitute material to grafting bone taken from another part of the body, first trying without success to manufacture ceramics synthetically.

Certain kinds of sea coral are porous and very similar to human bone in structure and mineral content, he said. Because coral isn't as strong as bone, Rosen said it cannot be used in areas where it must bear weight, such as in the legs.

But the body's natural bone usually grows into the coral's pores within four months, he said.

"The coral gets stronger as human tissue grows into it," Rosen said. "And for areas like the jaw, even a strength that's equal to 25 per cent of natural bone appears to be more than enough to serve our purpose."

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Iran wants Soviets to speed up construction projects

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Nov 14, (AP): Iran has asked the Soviet Union for speedy resumption of work on joint construction projects halted by the 8-year Gulf war, the Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) reported today.

IRNA, monitored in Nicosia, said the request was made by Economic and Financial Affairs Minister Mohammad Irvani in talks with a visiting Soviet official, Oleg Bortnevsky, deputy chairman of the State Construction Committee.

Irvani said the Soviets should push ahead to complete a first-phase project to boost output at the Isfahan steel mill to 1.9 million tons annually.

Projects

He also called for completion of unfinished dairy projects on the Aras, Atrak and Harirud rivers on the Iran-Soviet border as well as surface transportation projects, the agency said.

The Soviet Union pulled out hundreds of technicians working on the steel mill and two power projects after Iraq staged air-raids against Isfahan in 1985. Other projects also came to a standstill because of strained relations between the two countries.

But ties improved last year with top officials exchanging visits to Moscow and Tehran.

South Korea announces tariff cuts

SEOUL, South Korea, Nov 14 (AP): Import tariff rates on 109 items, including cars and whisks, will be cut by an average of 6.4 per cent, the Finance Ministry said today.

The cuts, scheduled to go into effect Nov 21 instead of the original date of Jan 1, will trim South Korea's bulging current account surplus and avoid trade friction with other countries while stabilising domestic prices, officials said.

Under the tariff cuts, imports of cars, trucks and buses will go down from the present 30 per cent to 25 per cent and those on whisks will drop from the present 100 per cent to 70 per cent.

They said tariffs for air-conditioners, refrigerators, cameras, stockings, shirts and children's wear will be slashed by 10 percentage points to 20 per cent. Officials said tariffs on some pharmaceutical products, sugar, washing machines and eyeglasses will drop by 5 percentage points to 15 per cent.

Materials

Tariffs on raw materials such as rawhide, glass plate, cotton fabrics, synthetic fabrics, luhricants, aluminium ingots, steel plate and refined copper will be lowered by 2 to 10 percentage points, to 5 per cent to 10 per cent. Tariff on natural rubber will be reduced to 2 per cent, down 3 percentage points.

Partly in response to US and other foreign complaints, South Korea has been gradually lowering its tariff rates, which officials say now average 18.1 per cent and are expected to go down to an average 12.7 per cent next year and 7.9 per cent in 1993, similar to levels in major industrial countries.

Government and private economists predict South Korea's current account surplus is likely to reach a record \$1.3 billion this year, up from the previous record of \$9.8 billion last year.

Iraq to privatise more firms

BAGHDAD, Nov 14, (Reuter): Iraq will privatise more than 70 enterprises ranging from dairies to cement factories this month, a senior government economist said yesterday.

He told Reuters about 50 state-run businesses had already been sold or rented out on a long-term basis under President Saddam Hussein's drive to revive the private sector in the socialist state.

The economist, who declined to be named, said these firms included dairies, petrol stations, arms, foodstuff industries, lothing manufacturers and tourist and transport services.

A Trade Ministry official said the private sector imported goods worth \$340 million in the first 10 months of the year. The official, quoted by the Iraqi news Agency (INA), said more than 70,000 import licences were issued in that period.

The ruling Revolutionary Command Council decreed in January that Iraqis could import any type of goods provided no rd currency was taken out of the country.

Government intervention is not the answer to stock market's problems: Khorafi

Call to improve performance of local firms

By Khaled Ahmed

THERE is no doubt that direct government intervention is not the answer to the stock market's problems, according to Mohammad Abdul Mohsen Al Khorafi, chairman of the Kuwait National Bank.

Government intervention made the state the biggest shareholder in most economic activities, he said.

The government's action during the Manakh crisis also consumed an important part of the government's reserves and did not prevent prices of shares from dropping, he said.

Turning to other economic issues, Al Khorafi said high prices in the real estate market are caused by the high rate of

returns on the investments.

Real estate investments are made by a larger number of people, even those not accustomed to dealing in the stock markets, he said.

Investors have little faith in the stock market in light of the October 1987 world stock markets crash, Al Khorafi said.

He also mentioned there are still obstacles in the way of implementing a rule allowing local companies to buy a maximum of 10 per cent of their shares traded in the stock market.

Commenting on another matter, Al Khorafi said the idea of establishing large investment companies in Kuwait is still a bit premature. All market indicators show that supply still exceeds

demand, he said.

The continuation of a stagnation in share trading is a direct result of the Manakh crash, he said.

Lull

The present lull in trading was interrupted by some bursts of activity, but the stagnation left many victims behind and investors are still being cautious. The low returns on investments in shares hasn't helped the situation, Al Khorafi said.

It is in the best interest of banks to see share prices go up, but investors must be given good reason to become confident about trading once more, he said. Improving the performance of local companies may be the best way to lay a solid foundation for a solid, positive development.

Depth

However, Kuwait's economy is different from those in advanced countries, he said. The Kuwaiti market lacks the depth enjoyed by stock markets in the West.

For this solution plan to work, it must be well-programmed and controlled, he warned.

Conditions are favourable to reopen the loan market for foreigners as long as the move is

kept under strict supervision by the Central Bank, he said.

Discussing the economic effects of the end of the Iran-Iraq war, Al Khorafi said the end of the hostilities restored some confidence in the local market.

The ceasefire is also expected to increase oil revenues, increase the value of assets, improve companies' profits and boost transit trading to Kuwait.

Some of the Kuwaiti capital now abroad may return to Kuwait due to the end of the war, he said.

Kuwaiti banks will contribute to the reconstruction of both countries.

However, government guarantees should be provided on the loans and their repayments, he said.

World Business Summary

Gorbachev backs agricultural reforms at food meeting

MOSCOW, Nov 14, (Reuter): Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev called for wide-ranging agricultural reforms during a meeting of Communist Party chiefs today devoted to the country's chronic food shortages. Moscow Radio said Gorbachev told the conference in Oryol, 360 km (225 miles) south of Moscow, that an improvement in food supplies was the Soviet Union's most important domestic task. "Mikhail Gorbachev stressed the need to go over to new methods of economic management in the countryside including the lease and family contracts," the radio said in a brief report on his opening speech. The Kremlin has recently allowed peasants to lease land or periods of up to 50 years in an attempt to boost agricultural production. An apparent explanation of the unusual choice of site for the meeting, the official news agency Tass said the meeting would study reforms in the Oryol region which had helped speed up rural development there. Besides Gorbachev, there were four other full members of the 12-member ruling Politburo, plus three of the eight candidates or non-voting members. Tass said Communist Party leaders of the constituent Soviet republics were also present. Politburo member Yegor Ligachev, recently appointed head of a new commission on agriculture, was among those in Oryol, Tass said. Ligachev, long thought to be Kremlin "number two", was absent from an October 12 meeting on the food problem, giving fresh fuel to speculation among foreign analysts he had been demoted. A Foreign Ministry spokesman said he was on holiday at the time.

Turkish industry faces bleak outlook after healthy '87

ISTANBUL, Nov 14, (Reuter): Turkish industry has entered a lean period following surging profits in 1987 as the economic management of Prime Minister Turgut Ozal stumbles, economists said last week. The annual report on Turkey's 500 top companies released by the Istanbul Chamber of Industry showed that total profits rose by 79 per cent in 1987 over 1986 to 2,635 billion lira (\$1.53 billion). "It was an excellent year for exports and domestic sales. All companies did well. They were not able to meet demand," said a senior credit analyst in an Istanbul bank. But he said 1988 would be much less successful because of the inflation rate, which has rocketed to 86 per cent, high interest rates and falling public purchasing power. Next year would also be bleak, he said. Economists said the problems were mainly due to the budget deficit which was likely to reach 4,098 billion lira (\$2.4 billion) in 1988, twice the government's target. The chamber's report said workers' wages were declining as a percentage of the value they added to a product. The proportion had fallen to 34 per cent from 38 per cent last year and 55.5 per cent in 1983. "The distribution of income has been turned against wages," Istanbul University economics Professor Erdogan Alkin told Reuters. "The situation must be improved rapidly... wage-earners stand out as an income group in which adjustment to inflation has become more difficult than ever," he said.

Labour unrest is running high, despite effective government restrictions, and newspapers have said several municipalities and state organisations are delaying wage payments for months.

The chamber's report showed a renewed shift under Ozal's government of industrial production away from the state sector, which had led development since the Turkish republic was founded in 1923. Eight of the biggest 10 companies in terms of sales were still owned by the state, but 410 of the top 500 were private and accounted for 56.6 per cent of sales, up five percentage points from 1986.

Government wants to help rebuild Basra

India agrees to give \$50m in buyers credit to Iraq

By Fathima Ahmed

INDIA has signed an agreement with South Korea to work on joint ventures in Iraq, according to India's Minister of State for Commerce Priya Ranjan Dasmuni.

Dasmuni, who made a one-day stop in Kuwait after attending the Baghdad International Trade Fair, said the bilateral agreement with South Korea was signed two months ago in New Delhi.

India's major competitors in the region have been South Korea, China, Taiwan and Thailand.

The idea is to work jointly on "global tender" projects in Iraq, Dasmuni said.

Agreement

Dasmuni also said India has agreed to give \$50 million in buyers credit to Iraq and has signed a deferred payment agreement. India's current participation on Iraqi projects is about \$3,800 million.

However, the 1987 balance of trade was in Iraq's favour with a surplus of \$1.5 billion and a deficit of \$1.2 billion.

India wants to help rebuild Basra and do dredging to clear the Gulf and Shatt Al Arab waterway if and when the work starts.

"We have the capability. If we're asked, we can do the work and have expressed our willingness," he said.

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"In the long run, Gulf countries including Kuwait, will benefit by diversifying investments; they will find investments more attractive than the West, not in high-tech, but in other areas," he said.

The Indians believe they stand

a good chance of assisting in telecommunications, construction, railway and water-treatment

projects as well as industrial projects involving the cement and tobacco industries.

The Telecommunications Company of India, Ltd, is expected to "get some work," Indian Tobacco has been invited to study the prospects of setting up a plant and IRCON is expected to be involved in major railway management plans. Expertise is to be given by India in setting up cement plants.

Sixty-four Indian companies are now working in Iraq. These include some prestigious com-

panies like Larson and Touhro, Somdutt Builders, Continental Constructions and Hindustan Construction.

The Indian workforce in Iraq which was over 80,000 before the Iran-Iraq war, has dwindled to a little over 10,000. Diplomats based in Baghdad expect an influx of Indian workers in Iraq over the next few years, raising their numbers to more than 50,000.

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Kuwaiti investment in India has been "negligible" despite concerted efforts to encourage investors under the liberal export-import policies introduced by India. Though Japan and South Korea have expressed an interest, investments from the Gulf have not

been forthcoming.

This is one area that Dasmuni hopes to explore during his Kuwait visit next month. He plans to invite a trade team, preferably from the Kuwait Investment Authority (KIA), to study the "investment climate" in India and to discuss a proposed agreement to "avoid double taxation." A KIA team visited India in 1986 but further progress was not made.

Joint-venture investments will be encouraged in the industrial sector, particularly in such "free-trade" zones as Madras, Bombay and Delli.

Over the last five years India has lost business to its competitors and their trade with Kuwait has remained stagnant. India's exports to Kuwait have ranged between \$100 million and \$125 million. Oil product imports from Kuwait were worth about \$250 million.

Indian imports declined due to the economic recession, a decline in re-export trade from Kuwait and the loss of business in the sale of such products as tea to Sri Lanka and basmati rice to Pakistan.

Despite a setback in Kuwait, trade ties with the Gulf have been

gaining ground.

UK consultant conducts training for managers

By M.C. Bose

DAVID KLEWIN, a UK-based training consultant with extensive experience in the Middle East market, who has given training assistance to many local and international companies in the area, is visiting Kuwait. He is here to train a 12-member team from a Kuwaiti company. The six-day training programme is being conducted at the Kuwait Hilton and ends on Friday.

Klewin is the principal of the David Klewin & Associates. He has held senior management positions with several leading companies including Unilever and the Imperial Food Group. As a training manager with Imperial Foods, Klewin had been train management and shop personnel of Courage Limited, part of the group.

"The market is sending a strong message to the new administration, which I believe will be heeded, to work seriously on the deficits," said Jack Conlon of Nikko Securities. "But there is a feeling that the administration is going to be in for a difficult period by virtue of what they face from a Democratic Congress."

For the past 12 years the company has worked closely with a number of important clients to help improve their sales promotion and marketing drives and encourage more effective use of appropriate management styles and techniques.

Clients

He said: "Our normal pattern, however, is to start with a detailed analysis of the client's requirements, design and carry out a suitable development programme and evaluate its effectiveness, following up when necessary."

The company specialises in sales, marketing and communication training for managers and field sales personnel. In Kuwait Klewin's new series of training programmes include "team working" and "customer interface skills".

Techniques

"The basic of our team work training is the techniques which can help maintain company impetus," he said.

Klewin's company has a representative office in Cairo, which has been operating since 1972.

Klewin will be available for consultation at the Kuwait Hilton Hotel any day after 4 pm.

Turkey to contribute \$5m to IFAD

ROME, Nov 14, (OPECNA): Turkey has announced a contribution of \$5 million to the third replenishment of the financial resources of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

According to the UN agency, the announcement comes at a time when it is trying to finalise commitments to the fund's third replenishment (1989-91) with a target of \$750 million.

Developing countries which benefit from IFAD programmes have promised to contribute 75 million to the effort, while OECD countries as a group have stated that they will match it three to one.

IFAD's resources come from OECD nations (category I), OPEC countries (category II) and other developing countries (category III). IFAD said Turkey, a "category III" member, had made an impressive contribution which it hoped other developing countries would try to emulate.

The newspaper quoted Minister of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade official Li Zhongzhou as saying that China's efforts to join have been helped by a broad programme of reforms that has introduced market-oriented ideas to the world.

It also quoted Li as saying he hoped the meeting would help promote trade liberalisation and check protectionism.

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1988

International Bond Highlights

Rome — Italian Treasury Minister Giuliano Amato is not blocking a 680 mln European currency unit (ECU) credit line to the Soviet Union agreed last month, despite press reports to the contrary, government sources said here. (RTX 1334)

Washington — The US Treasury said it will auction nine billion dls of 30-year bonds on Thursday, November 17, to raise new cash. (RTYE 1413)

Rome — Italian state railways Ferrovie dello Stato is issuing a 100 mln European Currency Unit Eurobond with a 7.75 pct coupon and an issue price of 101-7/8 pct, leader manager Banco di Roma said. (RTWO 1248)

Frankfurt — The West German Federal Railways is issuing a two billion mln domestic bond with a 6-3/8 pct coupon priced at 99.75 for 10 years to yield 6.41 pct, a Bundesbank spokesman said. (RTVL 1048)

London — The Heifei Building Society is issuing a 125 mln ECU Eurobond due December 15, 1993 paying eight pct and priced at 102 pct, lead manager Banque Paribas Capital Markets said. (RTTM 0849)

Lisbon — Portugal's 700 mln dl floating rate note (FRN) issued last Friday was aimed at refinancing existing debt and has been a success, a Treasury spokesman said. (RTX 1343)

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 11-3/4 1/2	11-13/16 11/16	12-3/16 1/8
FFT 4.40/50	4.65/75	4.80/90
PAR 7-13/16 7/8	7-7/8 8	8-1/16 3/16
ZUR 3-5/8 3-7/8	3-5/8 3-7/8	3-7/8 4-1/8
BRX 6.20	7-1/8 3/16	7-3/16 7/32
RON 10-1/2 11	11-1/2 12	11-1/2 12
AMS 4.75/CO	5.25/28	5.33/43
TOK 3.6250 6875	4.1250 1875	4.3125 3750
ECU 7.31 7.56	7.43 7.56	7.56 7.68

Interest Rates

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6-13/16	7-1/4
3 months	6-3/4	7-3/16
6 months	6-9/16	7-1/16
1 year	6-9/16	7

BOMBAY

PR-CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	84	91	90	NICO	650	650	670	
ACC --	398	393	GRASIM	58.25	58	58.50	MUCARD	115	114	116	
ASIA PAINT 215	221	220	GSFC	148.75	157.50	145	ORKAY	39.50	41	40	
BAJAJ AUTO 382.50	387.50	381.20	HIND LEVER	83	86	83	PEI DO	33	31	33	
BAR. RAYON 305	310	335	HINDALCO	125	125	123	PFIER	79	86	78	
BOM. DYING 133	137	136	HINDCOCA	111.25	112.50	115	PRE. AUTO	55.50	58	57	
B.R. BOND 112	117	118	HINDMOTOR	31.50	33	31.75	RAYMOND	66	63	68	
BSE INDEX 699.75	709.03	IND ORG	43	42	44	RELIANCE	177	181	178		
CENTURYSPG 1450	1470	1465	INDRAYON	80.75	83	81	SIEMENS	110	108	114	
COLGATE 327.50	335	325	INDROL	270	277.50	270	SPIC	53	54	59	
DEEPAKERT 45.50	47	48	ITC	55	50	52	STUDWILL	330	340	340	
EI. HOTEL 56	57.50	52.50	JKSYNTH	85	87	85	TATA PUR	340	345	345	
ESSAR 147.50	147.50	146.25	L. AND T	130	134	131	TATACHEM	104	104	108	
GAR. POLY 28.50	33	30	NAHINDRA	119.50	120	122	TELOL	735	740	745	
GE.SHIP 105	108.75	121.25	MASTERSHR	18	21	19.75	TISSCO	1047.5	1077.5	1062.5	
	43	44.50	44	MATHER PL	75	72.50	77.50	VOLTAS	450	480	550

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLOSE	TOKYO
AEG	188.5	190.0	
ALLIANZ VR	1705.0	1680.0	
BADENWERK	184.0	185.0	
BASF	269.7	268.2	
BAYER	289.4	289.5	
BAYER HYP	363.0	365.0	
BAYER VER	365.0	363.0	
BBC	324.5	326.0	
BHF	402.0	398.5	
BWU	525.0	517.0	
COMMERZBK	237.0	236.7	
CONTI GLASS	258.8	257.5	
DAIMER BEH	761.5	753.0	
DEUTSC BHK	512.0	509.2	
DLW	390.0	388.0	
DRESDNER	295.70	292.50	
DT BABCOCK	157.8	157.5	
FAZ-INDEX	7.04/318.25	7.04/318.25	
FELDMERH	271.00	273.25	
GOLDSCHMID	328.0	325.0	
HARPENER	398.0	404.0	
HOECHST AG	291.3	288.5	
HOESCH	165.5	163.8	
HORTEN	215.0	213.0	
HUSSEL HLD	449.0	453.5	
KALI SALZ	145.0	145.0	
KARSTADT	416.0	415.0	
KAUHOF	395.0	390.0	
KLOECK H	132.5	133.5	
KLOECK N	99.80	99.80	
LTHDE	696.0	701.0	
LUFTHANSA	143.5	143.0	
MANNESMAN	182.8	178.8	
METALLGES	610.0	603.5	
MIXDORF PF	406.0	403.7	
MORSK HYD	26.50	26.80	
PHILIP KOM	612.0	614.0	
POERSCHE	565.0	558.0	
PREUSSAG	167.0	165.0	
PMA	226.8	225.0	
RHEINMETAL	363.0	365.0	
RME	258.5	240.0	
RME P	214.0	215.0	
SALAMANDER	291.0	293.5	
SCHERINGER	570.2	570.2	
SEL	266.5	265.0	
SIEMENS	475.0	468.8	
THYSEH	172.5	169.0	
VARTA	314.0	309.0	
VERA	260.0	258.5	
VEV	159.6	155.5	
VOLKSWAGEN	308.5	302.0	

Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS END AT RECORD HIGH AFTER SLIM GAIN

TOKYO, NOV 14, REUTER - SHARE PRICES ROSE SLIGHTLY TO A RECORD CLOSE IN MODERATE TRADE AS CONTINUED BUYING OF FINANCIAL SHARES BUOYED THE INDEX DESPITE SOME OTHER CONCERN, BROKERS SAID.

"BUYING OF FINANCIALS PULLED UP THE MARKET. SOME FOREIGNERS WERE BUYING THEM, AND THE CONTINUED GOOD OUTLOOK FOR INTEREST RATES KEPT THEM POPULAR," SAID A BROKER AT ONE MAJOR JAPANESE SECURITIES HOUSE.

THE NIKKEI INDEX CLIMBED 31.33 POINTS, OR 0.11 PCT, TO A RECORD CLOSING 28,520.90. EARLIER IN THE DAY IT HIT A RECORD 28,531.47. IT GAINED 323.15 POINTS LAST FRIDAY.

THE PREVIOUS RECORD CLOSE AND RECORD TRADE HIGH WERE BOTH POSTED LAST FRIDAY.

SECURITIES HOUSE, BANK, COMMUNICATIONS, AIRLINE, RETAIL, RUBBER, FOOD AND DRUG SHARES TOPPED THE LIST OF GAINERS.

BUT RAILWAY, GAS, OIL, WAREHOUSE, REAL ESTATE, PULP/PAPER, AND REAL ESTATE SHARES LOST, PARTLY DUE TO PROFIT TAKING AND PARTLY BECAUSE OF A WELTER OF FUTURE UNCERTAINTIES.

"WHAT WE ARE MOST WORRIED ABOUT IS THAT THE DOLLAR MAY DEPRECIATE TOWARDS 120 YEN IN OVERSEAS MARKETS AND THAT WOULD PUSH DOWN WALL STREET SHARE PRICES," THE JAPANESE BROKER SAID. HE NOTED MONDAY'S MODEST SHARE TURNOVER.

SHARE TURNOVER WAS 550 MLN AGAINST 900 MLN ON FRIDAY.

FALLING ISSUES JUST LED RISES.

BROKERS SAID THAT IF THE YEN APPRECIATES SHARPLY AGAINST THE DOLLAR THAT WOULD PRESSURE THE U.S. TO RAISE INTEREST RATES AND WOULD PROBABLY DEPRESS WALL STREET STOCKS. TOKYO INVESTORS FEAR MAJOR DECLINES IN NEW YORK.

BUT IN ANY CASE, JAPANESE INTEREST RATES WILL STAY LOW AS LONG AS THE YEN IS STRONG, SAID BROKERS. THAT INSPIRED BUYING OF FINANCIALS, WHICH ACCOUNT FOR A LARGE PORTION OF THE INDEX.

BROKERAGE STOCKS GAINED BECAUSE LOW OR FALLING INTEREST RATES TENDS TO DIVERT MONEY FROM BANK ACCOUNTS TO STOCKS.

Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, NOV 14, REUTER - SHARE PRICES CONTINUED TO DRIFT DOWNWARD AND CLOSED SHARPLY LOWER ON BEARISH SENTIMENT AFTER THE 47-POINT DROP IN THE DOW JONES ON WALL STREET LAST FRIDAY, BROKERS SAID.

THE HANG SENG INDEX LOST 45.75 POINTS, OR 1.77 PCT, TO 2,537.99. THE BROADER-BASED HONG KONG INDEX WAS 29.62 POINTS LOWER AT 1,673.17.

"PRICES WERE JUST DRIFTING DOWN WITHOUT AN ANCHOR," SAID A BROKER WITH A MAJOR LOCAL BROKERAGE FIRM.

"SENTIMENT WAS DEFINITELY BEARISH AFTER THE INDEX FAILED TO BREAK THE STRONG RESISTANCE AT 2,600."

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ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.99	JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50
ARAB BANK	143.7	JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.75	2.77
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER.	4.45	JOR PIPE MANUF.	1.45	1.43
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	2.22	JOR PRINTING/PACK		

Bush vows to continue Reagan economic policies

GULF STREAM, Florida, Nov 14. (AP): President-elect George Bush, seeking to calm world financial market fears, said today he will continue the economic policies of "exchange market stability" introduced by President Ronald Reagan.

Bush downplayed the dramatic weakening of the dollar against the yen and West German mark and the plunge of the stock market since his election last Tuesday, saying: "These gyrations happen."

"Exchange market stability is the key... nobody is going to peg the dollar to any existing currency," he said.

Bush also hinted he might have announcements on appointments to his administration when he returns to Washington this week.

Power

He rejected a report that said James Baker, who will be his Secretary of State, would wield power as a deputy president.

"You haven't heard that here," he told reporters in an informal beachside news conference. He said Baker is a close confidant, but "I simply would look here for guidance on who's going to be calling the shots other than the new president."

On a news report that a three-person chief-of-staff arrangement was under consideration, Bush said: "Stay tuned. I'll have announcements on that pretty soon."

He revealed that New Hampshire Gov. John Sununu, a close adviser who is the Washington Post reported might be one of the Troika, would join Bush at the president-elect's oceanfront vacation spot.

No other political associates have visited Bush here since he arrived on Thursday.

Currencies

On the economic question, Bush was asked if he would favour lowering the dollar against foreign currencies as has been suggested by his sometime adviser, Martin Feldstein.

"The policy in effect is the administration policy built around policy co-ordination of an exchange market stability... it is the policy of the existing administration. It will be the policy of the George Bush administration."

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY: Nov 14, (Reuters): The share market recorded its largest one-day fall for almost three months as the firmer Australian dollar gave overseas investors incentive to sell. The All Ordinaries index fell 31.8 to 1,526.4.

TOKYO: Prices rose to a record close with continued buying of financial shares buoying the index. The Nikkei index climbed 31.33 points, 0.11 per cent, to 28,531.47.

HONG KONG: Prices closed sharply lower on bearish sentiment after Friday's drop on Wall Street. The Hang Seng index fell 45.75 to 2,537.99.

SINGAPORE: Prices closed sharply lower across the board following Friday's 48-point slide on Wall Street and the recent weakness of the dollar. The Straits Times Industrial index fell 12.38 to 1,002.65 in lacklustre trading.

BOMBAY: Closed for holiday, trading resumes tomorrow.

FRANKFURT: Leading off the day's highs in quiet trading, boosted by foreign buying in response to a rebound in the dollar. The Dax index rose 9.66 to 1,261.84.

PARIS: Prices were off their lows by mid-session as bargaining in some blue chips reversed the early wave of selling.

LONDON: Shares turned lower again in late afternoon business after Wall Street reversed an early double-figure advance. At 1543 GMT the FTSE 100 index was down 11.4 at 1,791.3, keeping pace with movements on Wall Street.

NEW YORK: Stocks fell further over a broad front in mid-morning trading. Bluechips were down substantially after giving up a moderate gain. The Dow was down 10 at 2,057.

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World Bank chief hails Jordan's economic measures

AMMAN, Nov 14. (AP): World Bank President Barber Conable today discounted reports of a crisis in Jordan's economy and praised government measures aimed at cutting imports and encouraging exports.

"It seems as though the situation is well in hand," he told a news conference at the end of a three-day visit to the kingdom.

"It will require some austerity measures in all probability on the part of the government... but they seem to have a very clear understanding of the forces at work there and to be prepared to do what's necessary."

Imports

The government this month banned a dozen categories of luxury imports and sharply increased customs duties on others in an effort to save some \$200 million in foreign exchange.

The steps came in the wake of a slide in the value of the Jordanian dinar, which fell to about \$2 from about \$3 at the start of the year.

But the World Bank's area director,

Ardy Stoujedijk, said the devaluation "fits in fact very well with the policy of export promotion" by making Jordanian goods cheaper on the world market.

And Conable said that it had not resulted in the sort of major inflation that sometimes results in other countries from similar actions, although prices of imported goods have risen sharply in recent weeks.

"We don't think it's that much of an alarming development here at this point," Conable said.

He also downplayed concerns about repayment of Jordan's debt of \$6.7 billion.

Stable

"We think the Jordanian debt is well-distributed and stable," said Conable, whose bank has about 8 per cent of Jordan's loans. That is the largest share of any multilateral institution.

Jordan has a large percentage of its loans on a long-term, low-interest basis.

But it has recently been increasing commercial borrowing at less favourable rates to help cover foreign currency short-

ages, which reportedly have contributed to the dinar's fall.

Stoujedijk said after the news conference that he expected Jordan's share of so-called "hard" commercial loans would continue to rise in the short term.

He said such situations are sometimes corrected when governments obtained soft term loans to pay off the commercial debts.

Debt

But Conable said there had been no discussion on rescheduling Jordan's debt to individual lenders and he said the bank had not been approached for loans to cover balance of payments requirements.

"I don't believe there's any basis for a feeling of crisis at this point and rescheduling would be the result of such a feeling," he said.

Asked about the government's measures to correct its chronic trade imbalance, declining foreign reserves and slipping dinar, he said: "It sounds as though the government is doing the

things we would recommend they do and so there has not been a big discussion about that."

Investments

Conable said World Bank loans and investments in Jordan had totalled close to \$1 billion since the first in 1962. He said he expected the current level of exposure, about \$100 million, would continue indefinitely.

"We find the economic management here sophisticated and the loans have been carried out very well," he said.

Conable also praised Jordan for its "strong ideas" on economic development.

"This is the environment in which the World Bank likes to lend, because if we can support the priorities of a government we're usually much better off than making suggestions as outsiders," he noted.

He said Jordan's well-educated workforce gave it a strong potential for technology-related exports and said tourism also might provide greater foreign earnings.

Kartasasmita to meet Sheikh Ali

Iran and Iraq urged to reach OPEC accord

Asked about prospects for an agreement in Vienna, Ginarjan said: "All of us are optimistic."

KUNA adds: The minister was received on arrival by Kuwait's Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa and the Indonesian ambassador to Kuwait.

Kartasasmita told reporters that he will convey a message to HH the Amir from President Suharto but he did not reveal the contents.

Kartasasmita said that he will meet tomorrow Sheikh Ali to exchange views on latest developments in the international oil markets.

North Sea oil output hits record high

OSLO, Nov 14. (Reuters): Norway's Western Europe's biggest oil producer after Britain, pumped a record volume from its North Sea fields in October, oil companies said today.

Growing output capacity pushed production to 1.27 million barrels oil per day (BPD) last month, beating the previous record of 1.20 million BPD set in September, according to a Reuter survey of oil firms.

Oil analysts said production would not exceed Norway's voluntary 7.5 per cent cutback in planned production growth.

Norway, not a member of OPEC, has enforced the cutback since February 1987 in support of the producing countries' efforts to stabilise world oil prices.

Wall Street stocks ease

Dollar firms slightly, gold gains

from 1,737.5 at Friday's finish.

The dollar's New York rally was underpinned by statements from Bush aides who said the Bush administration did not favour a lower dollar and the federal budget deficit would be its first priority. Bush takes office on Jan 20.

In addition, US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady, who is widely expected to retain his post in the Bush administration, said the United States remains committed to exchange market stability.

Dealers said these weekend comments coincided with perceptions in some circles that the dollar may have over-extended itself on the downside for the near term. Last week's selling of dollars reflected a belief that Bush would have to let the dollar slide in value to narrow the huge US trade gap, which in August exceeded \$12 billion.

Lower

Wall Street stocks were mostly lower at midday after erratic morning trading. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 1.95 points at 2,063.08 at noon in moderate trading.

Stocks posted moderate early gains, partly fuelled by bargain hunting, brokers said. But falling treasury bond prices and uncertainties about the direction of interest rates eroded the gains.

The benchmark 30-year

treasury bond was down more than half a point at 100-27/32 at midday, lifting its yield to 9.05 per cent from 8.99 at Thursday's close. The treasury market was closed on Friday for Veterans Day.

Hard

Equity markets round the world are looking anxiously toward Wednesday, when the United States will announce its September trade figures. If the numbers are particularly bad, the dollar could be hit hard.

But the Japanese, as they have regularly done in the year since the "Black Monday" Wall Street crash, today bucked the trend as Tokyo's Nikkei share index edged up to an all-time high.

Tokyo's Nikkei stocks average closed 31.33 points higher at a record 28,520.90.

Japanese dealers said a big factor was the strong yen, which meant Japan's interest rates would stay low.

London's FTSE index of 100 British blue chips began 26

points down in response to Friday's retreat on Wall Street. But some bargain-hunters emerged and by late afternoon the index was down only 8.4 points at 1,799.8.

Gold rose a modest 10 cents to \$423.20 an ounce on the Commodity Exchange in New York.

Oil prices also firms in New York, with the benchmark US crude, West Texas Intermediate for December delivery, up 20 cents at 14.15 dollars barrel at midday.

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If you speak softly to friends seated near you and refrain from shouting, then, the driver will be able to hear if another driver needs his attention and honks his horn or if an emergency vehicle is coming.

Safety on the bus is your business as well as the driver's. Remember bus safety rules and protect your life.

Auntie Jayne

By Jack London

AS White Fang watched Weedon Scott approach, he bristled and snarled to advertise that he would not submit to punishment. Twenty-four hours had passed since he had slashed open the hand that was now bandaged and held up by a sling to keep the blood out of it. In the past White Fang had experienced delayed punishments, and he apprehended that such a one was about to befall him. How could it be otherwise? He had committed what was to him sacrilege — sunk his fangs into the holy flesh of a god, and of a superior-looking god at that. In the nature of things, and of intercourse with gods, some terrible awaited him.

The god sat down several feet away. White Fang could see nothing dangerous in that. When the gods administered punishment they stood on their legs. Besides, this god had no club, no whip, no fire-arm. And furthermore, he himself was free. No chain nor stick bound him. He could escape into safety while the god was scrambling to his feet. In the meantime he would wait and see.

The god remained quiet, made no movement; and White Fang's snarl slowly dwindled to a growl that ebbed down in his throat and ceased. Then the god spoke, and at the first sound of his voice the bair rose on White Fang's neck and the growl rushed up in his throat. But the god made no hostile movement, and went on calmly talking. For a time White Fang growled in unison with him, a correspondence of rhythm being established between growl and voice. But the god talked on interminably. He

talked to White Fang as White Fang had never been talked to before. He talked softly and soothingly, with a gentleness that somehow, somewhere, touched White Fang. In spite of himself and all the pricking warnings of his instinct, White Fang began to have confidence in this god. He had a feeling of security that was belied by all his experience with men.

After a long time the god got up and went into the cabin. White Fang scanned him apprehensively when he came out. He had neither whip nor club nor weapon. Nor was his uninjured hand behind his back hiding something. He sat down as before, in the same spot, several feet away. He held out a small piece of meat. White Fang pricked his ears and investigated it suspiciously, managing to look at the same time both at the meat and the god, alert for any overt act, his body tense and ready to spring away at the first sign of hostility.

Still the punishment delayed. The god merely held near to his nose a piece of meat. And about the meat there seemed nothing wrong. Still White Fang suspected; and though the meat was proffered to him with short inviting thrusts of the hand, he refused to touch it. The gods were all-wise, and there was no telling what masterful treachery lurked behind that apparently harmless piece of meat. In past experience, especially in dealing with squaws, meat and punishment had often been disastrously related.

In the end, the god tossed the meat on the snow at White Fang's feet. He

smelled the meat carefully, but he did not look at it. White he smelled it he kept his eyes on the god. Nothing happened. He took the meat into his mouth and swallowed it. Still nothing happened. The god was actually offering him another piece of meat. Again he refused to take it from the hand, and again it was tossed to him. This was repeated a number of times, but there came a time when the god refused to toss it. He kept it in his hand and steadfastly professed it.

The meat was good meat, and White Fang was hungry. Bit by bit, infinitely cautious, he approached the hand. At last the time came that he decided to eat the meat from the hand. He never took his eyes from the god, thrusting his head forward with ears flattened back and hair involuntarily rising and cresting on his neck. Also a low growl rumbled in his throat as warning that he was not to be trifled with. He ate the meat, and nothing happened. Piece by piece he ate all the meat, and nothing happened. Still the punishment delayed.

He licked his chops and waited. The god went on talking. In his voice there was kindness — something of which White Fang had no experience whatever. And within him it aroused feelings which he had likewise never experienced before. He was aware of a certain strange satisfaction, as though some need were being gratified, as though some void in his being were being filled. Then again came the prod of his instinct and the warning of past experience. The gods were ever crafty,

and they had unguessed ways of attaining their ends.

Ah, he had thought so! There it came now, the god's hand, running in hurt, thrusting out to him, descending upon his head. But the god went on talking. His voice was soft and soothing. In spite of the menacing hand the voice inspired confidence. And in spite of the assuring voice the hand inspired distrust. White Fang was torn by enflaming feelings, impulses. It seemed he would fly to pieces, so terrible was the emprise he was exerting, holding together by an unwanted decision the enunciators that struggled within him for mastery.

He compromised. He snarled and bristled and flattened his ears. But he neither snapped nor sprang away. Nearer and nearer it came. It touched the ends of his upstanding hair. He shrank down under it. It followed down after him, pressing more closely against him. Shivering, almost shivering, he still managed to hold himself together. It was a torment, this band that touched him and violated his instinct. He could not forget in a day all the evil that had been wrought him at the hands of men. But it was the will of the god, and he strove to submit.

The hand lifted and descended again in a patting, caressing movement. This continued, but every time the hand lifted the hair lifted under it. And every time the hand descended the ears flattened down and a cavernous growl surged in his throat. White Fang growled and growled.



out of the cabin, his sleeves rolled up, a pan of dirty dish-water in his hands, arrested in the act of emptying the pan by the sight of Weedon Scott patting White Fang.

At the instant his voice broke the silence White Fang leaped back, snarling savagely at him.

Matt regarded his employer with griefed disapproval.

"If you don't mind my expressin' my feelin's, Mr Scott, I'll make free to say you're seventeen kinds of a damn fool, an' all of 'em different, an' then some."

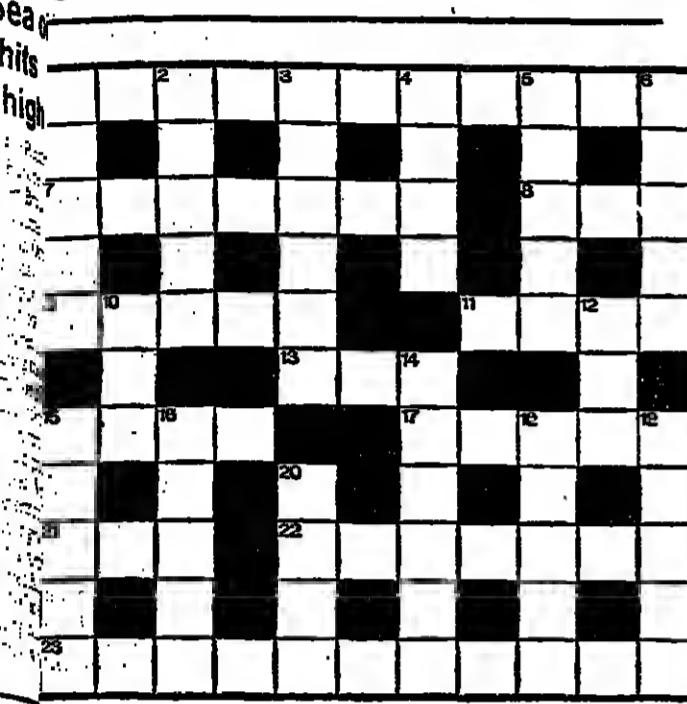
Weedon Scott smiled with a superior air, gained his feet, and walked over to White Fang. He talked soothingly to him, but not for long, then slowly put out his hand, rested it on White Fang's head, and resumed the interrupted patting. White Fang endured it, keeping his eyes fixed suspiciously, not upon the man that patted him, but upon the man that stood in the door-way.

"You may be number one up-top minin' expert, all right, all right," the dog-musher delivered himself oracularly, "but you missed the chance of your life when you was a boy an' didn't run off an' join a circus."

"Well, I'll be gosh-swogged!"

So spoke Matt, coming

CROSSWORD



Across

- 1 With the necessary skill (11)
- 7 They move in time to music (7)
- 8 An expanse of salt water (3)
- 9 Controlled by law (5)
- 11 Move out of the perpendicular (4)
- 13 Weep bitterly (3)
- 15 It covers a ship's hold (4)
- 17 Make a distribution (5)
- 21 Spirit distilled from sugar (3)
- 22 Leave without means of support (7)
- 23 He amuses his audience (11)

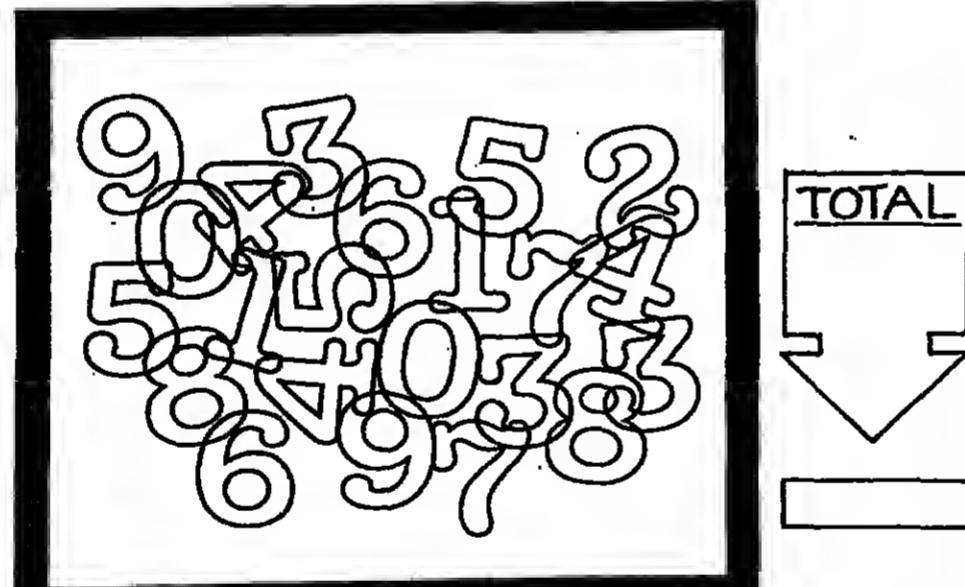
Down

- 1 Senior church member (5)
- 2 Of a conclusive nature (5)
- 3 Systems of belief (6)
- 4 Provide relief (4)
- 5 The sense of tongue and palate (5)
- 6 Desire with great longing (5)
- 10 Purpose of an implement (3)
- 12 Considerable fuss (3)
- 14 Fruit with a yellow skin (6)
- 15 Hymn sung at a funeral (5)
- 16 Heavenly body with a luminous tail (5)
- 18 Carrying a burden (5)
- 19 One who corrects musical pitch (5)
- 20 Market held periodically (4)

Solution on Thursday

NUMBER JUMBLE

Add up all the jumbled numbers in this box and write the total in the square provided.



Truly amazing!

In Poland the goat is considered to herald good fortune, while the crow, wolf and pigeon are considered unlucky.

Moths do not eat clothes. It is their larvae that do the damage.

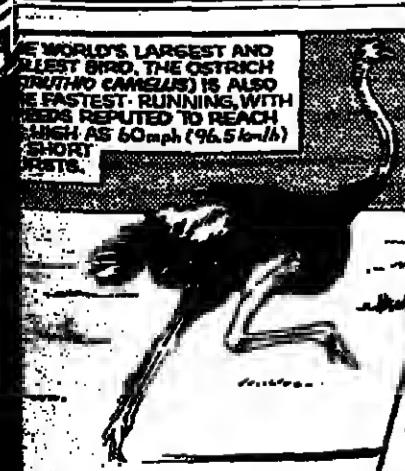
The black widow spider, contrary to popular belief, is timid and only bites when molested. If hungry the female will eat her mate, which is how she got her name.

An eighteenth-century strong-man Thimus Topham, could snap his fingers while a man danced on each of his outstretched arms.

Before the invention of the match, every house used to have its tinder box, a round iron box with tinder (scorched rag) in it, a flint, a piece of steel and a little stick of wood dipped in sulphur.

Our sun is about 30,000 light years from the centre of the Milky Way.

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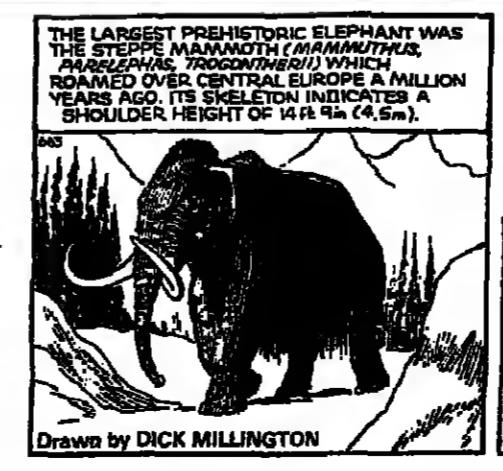


THE GREATER ROADRUNNER (GEODOCOCCUS CALIFORNIAE) OF THE SCRUB DESERTS IN SOUTH-WESTERN NORTH AMERICA IS THE FASTEST BIRD. IT HAS BEEN REPUTED TO REACH HIGH SPEEDS OF 60 mph (96.5 km/h) SHORT DISTANCES.

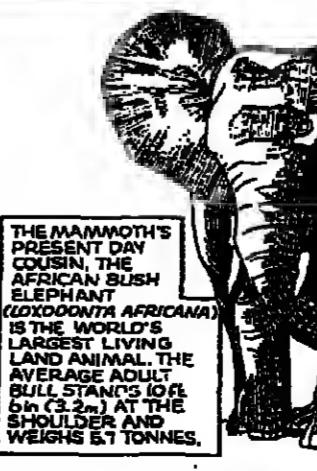
Drawn by DICK MILLINGTON



WHEN AVOIDING ONE OF ITS MANY PREDATORS, THE COMMON PHEASANT CAN FLIGHT AT 21 mph (34 km/h).



THE LARGEST PREHISTORIC ELEPHANT WAS THE MAMMOTH (MAMMOTHUS PARACEROPSIUS) WHICH ROAMED OVER CENTRAL EUROPE A MILLION YEARS AGO. ITS SKELETON INDICATES A SHOULDER HEIGHT OF 14 ft 9 in (4.5 m).



THE MAMMOTH'S PRESENT DAY RELATIVE IS THE AFRICAN BUSH ELEPHANT (LOXODONTA AFRICANA) WHICH IS THE LARGEST LAND ANIMAL. THE AVERAGE ADULT STANDS 10 ft 6 in (3.2 m) AT THE SHOULDER AND WEIGHS 6.7 TONNES.



DESPITE ITS SMALL SIZE (LENGTH 2 ft 6 in, 80 cm) AND RODENT-LIKE APPEARANCE, THE AFRICAN ROCK HYrax (PROCavia CAPENSIS) IS THE ELEPHANT'S CLOSEST LIVING RELATIVE.



SPINNERS PUT INDIA IN CONTROL

Kiwis in danger of follow-on



Arun Lai dives to take a catch but fails to get the ball. (Reuter wirephoto)

BANGALORE, India, Nov 14, (Reuter): India's spinners, with Arshad Ayub capturing three for 43 in 42 overs, caused a collapse today that left New Zealand in danger of having to follow on in the first cricket Test.

The Indian slow bowlers shackled and subsequently undermined New Zealand, who crumbled to 145 for six at the close of the third day in reply to India's first innings of 364 for nine declared.

New Zealand, who scored 136 off 104 overs during the day, are still 40 runs short of avoiding the follow-on on a pitch increasingly dusty and susceptible to spin.

Off-spinner Ayub was supported by leg-spinner Narendra Hirwani, who took two for 39 in 27 overs, and Wicket-keeper Ravi Shastri conceded only 11 runs.

The slow scoring rate by openers John Wright and Trevor Franklin, who put on 58 in 50 overs, was maintained by the middle order batsmen despite attacking fields set all day by Indian captain Dilip Veng-

sarkar. However, the touring side reached the relative prosperity of 118 for two during the final session, only for India to seize the initiative as four wickets tumbled for 22 at one stage.

New Zealand, nine without loss overnight, suffered their first setback when Wright was caught at silly point from bat-pad off Ayub for 22 soon after he had hit the only boundary in his 143-ball stay.

Four runs later Franklin (28) was beautifully bold 10 yards in from the boundary by Mohammad Azharuddin, who had run back from mid-wicket.

Andrew Jones should have gone three balls later but was put down at backward short-leg by Kapil Dev. Jones capitalised on his escape, putting on 56 for the third wicket with Mark Greatbatch (14), whose dismissal by Raman was the start of the slump.

Ten runs later Jones, having stayed 132 balls, became Ayub's third victim when he was caught at forward short-leg by Krishnamachari Srikkanth for a sub-

born 45. Evan Gray did not last long, pushing half-forward and falling leg before Hirwani.

Then 10 minutes before the close, Ken Rutherford was caught off bat-pad at silly point off Hirwani for 14. Tomorrow is a rest day.

Scoreboard

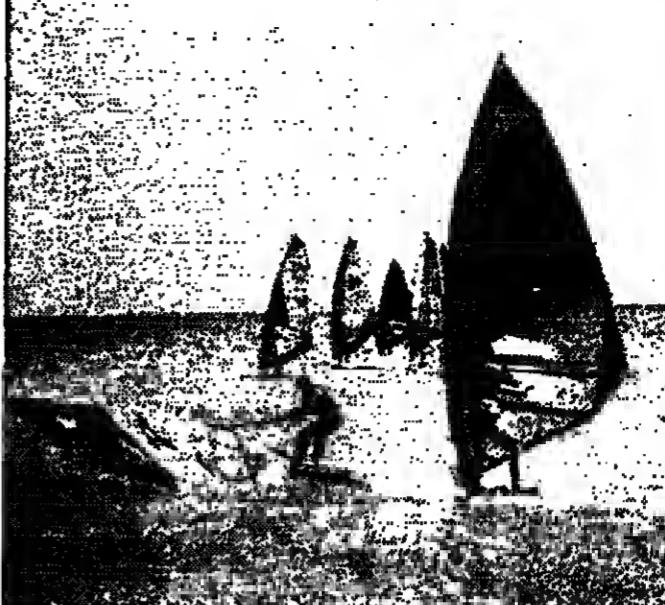
INDIA first innings 364 for nine declared. (N. Sidhu 116, D. Vengsarkar 75, R. Shastri 54, R. Hadlee five for 65).

NEW ZEALAND first innings (overnight 9 for no wicket)

T. Franklin c Azharuddin b Ayub 28
J. Wright c Lal b Ayub 22
A. Jones c Srikkanth b Ayub 45
M. Greatbatch c Srikkanth b Raman 14
K. Rutherford c Lal b Hirwani 14
E. Gray bv b Hirwani 1
R. Hadlee not out 1
J. Bracewell not out 3
Extras (b-6, lb-4, nc-7) 17
Total (for six wickets) 145

Fall of wickets 1-58 2-62 3-118 4-128 5-135 6-140

To bat: 1. Smith, C. Kuggeleijn, E. Charlton
Bowling to date: Kapil Dev 8-12-0, Ayub 42-13-43-2, Hirwani 27-12-3-2, Sastri 14-8-11-0, Raman 16-8-23-1, Srikkanth 3-2-0.



The windsurfers getting ready for action.

Arrows outclass Casuals

FLYING ARROWS hit their mark after being set 129 runs for victory against Casuals in the Thursday League at Ahmadi.

Casuals won the toss and sent in opener Wells (30) and Tudball (20) who quickly set about the bowling of Salim and Javid. The pair were scoring at more than seven runs an over before Wells hit himself on the foot and followed the move by gently lobbing a delivery back to Salim.

Seward (23) was looking in good form until being caught behind in strange fashion. Clements (18) was also building up his score before being dismissed in his usual manner, caught in the deep. Simmonds (15) and Anderson (11) also contributed runs while Hodges ran well between the wickets.

The Arrows bowlers kept a steady line and managed to hold Casuals to 128 of 23 overs.

Carry

In reply, Flying Arrows soon lost Verold to the pace of Anderson (2 for 17 off 6) but Derrick (34) and Salim (25) managed to retain their wickets and carry the score on. The run-rate was just being kept up and when Anderson and Seward dismissed the two batsmen in quick succession Casuals bopes were high.

However an aggressive knock by Ashok (45), making good use of his feet, turned the tables on Arrows. With Mukesh (11) in support Flying Arrows made their target in the final over of the day.

Monteiro to lead India XI in Speedbird Trophy

FRANK MONTEIRO has been named as captain of the India XI who meet Great Britain XI in the Speedbird Trophy Cricket Tournament in Ahmadi on Friday. Monteiro has been playing for Kuwait Cricketers (Hawks) since 1974 and captained the team in 1976. As a captain, he won three trophies for his team that year.

The other players named to the India XI are: Andrew Pinho, Ramesh, James, Shiv Bhasin, Jayanthilal, Ralph DeNeise, Derrick, Albert, Chris Somoske, Mukesh, Sajid Raza and Salim.

Slight

Pinho is the vice-captain of the squad. He is a genuine all-rounder who bowls fast and bats at number three. Pinho will get a lot of help from Ramesh, James, Jayanthilal, DeNeise, Derrick, Sajid Raza and Salim in the bowling department.

The Indian side has been packed with all-rounders and probably have a slight edge over their opponents. But the game promises to be a close affair as in the previous encounters between the two sides.

The match will start a 9.30 am on Friday at the KOC New Ground.

The British squad won the match last year while the Indians were the winners in 1986.

Gulf Air Trophy

EVERGREEN will meet Crown Cricket Club in the opening match of Gulf Air Trophy at Sabah Al Salem Area (N.C.) ground on Friday afternoon. In a morning match, starting at 9.00 am, Evergreen tackle YMCA Club in the first round of Al Athlal Champion's Trophy.

Hubara outlast Hawks

HUBARA continued their good start with a close victory over Hawks in the KOC Areson League played at Ahmadi on Friday.

Hubara aiming to keep their 100 per cent record in this League won the toss and batted first. Openers Craig Shipton and David Talbot gave Hubara an excellent start by putting on 69 runs for the first wicket when Shipton was out caught off the bat of Ishraq for 36 runs.

Two arbers who recently joined the federation classes shot really well in the C Division with Bader Sharhan taking first place and Remi Specie second.

The next senior competition will be an open handicap 900 round. The prizes were presented by Mohammed M. Al Saheen, managing director of the Hunting & Equestrian Club. For more information, phone 4739199 ext. 31 and 48.

Hawks started their innings as if there was no tomorrow with Tareq and Jayenti aiming to put the ball to all parts of the ground only to find a Hubara fielder getting in the way. Patrick Flower made the breakthrough by decisively bowling Jayenti in the 3rd over.

Hawks then tried to build their innings around a fine half century from Hiran who was made to work for every run by the tight Hubara fielding. As the light faded so however did the Hawks' innings with experienced players throwing their wickets away at important times, Hubara were always in command.

Hawks were able to muster only 135 leaving them 11 runs short of the required total.

Bridge

RESULTS of the Hubara Bridge Club game played on Friday:

1. Simon & Mukherjee N/S
2. Rajiv & Vaduwanan N/S
3. Sajid & Faisal N/S

E/W

1. Mrs Pereira & D'Souza

2. Samaha & Ghani

3. Salman Ali & Bistel

Results of the SAS Bridge Club game played on Sunday:

1. Ely & Nicole

2. Camille & Housa

3. Rabab & Sheils

Nomads beat Exiles in close game

COSMOPOLITAN Nomads took an important step in retaining the Gulf Merit Table by defeating Dubai Exiles in the first away match of the season.

In a very close match, the Nomads managed to secure a 10-4 victory. Even before the Exiles had a chance to start with the late withdrawal of Hall. His place was taken by John Sanderson who gave a fine performance in his first team debut at scrum half.

Penalty

The battle in the forwards was hard and uncompromising. Dubai certainly had the edge in the scrums but failed to capitalise on this first phase possession. A series of four missed penalty kicks did not help their cause. With a minute to go before half-

Cosmopolitan overcame Dilmun in last-over

By Yakub Razzaque

BRILLIANT all-round performance by Sri Lankan Johan Pereis failed to stop Cosmopolitan Cricket Club from scoring a thrilling victory on the last two balls against Dilmun Sports Club in the Bahrain Cricket League this week.

Pereis hit a magnificent 96 to set the stage alight which included six 6's and six 4's for Dilmun, who made 181 for 9 wickets in 25 overs. But his gallant effort was not enough to see his team through. Pereis was given good support by Bill Davey who contributed 25 runs.

Struggling

Cosmopolitan took up the challenge and nearly floundered when at one stage they were struggling at 69 for 4 in only 13 overs. But a late flourish by their tailenders saw them romp home in 24.4 overs. Bobby with 46 and Sinih with 29 brought up the rear-guard action with some bold gusty hitting. Pereis proved equally adept with the ball by taking 4 for 43 runs.

Final score: Dilmun Sports Club — 181 for 9 in 25 overs. (Johan Pereis 96, Bill Davey 25) Thiyanganaab 3 for 58. Cosmopolitan Cricket Club — 182 for 9 in 24.3 overs (Bobby 46, Sinih 32, Pat 29) Pereis 4 for 43, Dutton 3 for 37.

Sanchez triumphs

BUENOS AIRES, Nov 14, (Reuter): Javier Sanchez of Spain won his first Grand Prix title yesterday when he upset defending champion Guillermo Perez Roldan of Argentina at the \$123,000 Argentine Open tennis tournament.

Navratilova, ranked second in the world behind Steffi Graf, won in Chicago for the third straight year and heads into the season-ending championships in New York with back-to-back titles. She won the New England tournament last week in Worcester, Massachusetts.

"I enjoyed winning," said Navratilova, who collected \$50,000 for her efforts. "But it was not a thrilling match. I know

Hlasek edges Svensson

LONDON, Nov 14, (Reuter): Fourth seed Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland, who has specialised in overcoming adversity in 1988, recovered from losing the first two sets to beat Swede Jonas Svensson, the fifth seed, 6-7 3-6 6-4 6-7 5-7 in the London Grand Prix tennis final yesterday.

The seventh seed Sanchez defeated the top seed 6-2 6-4 in just under two hours to take the \$20,000 winner's prize.

Pirates make Cubs fight for win in T-ball game

CUBS were made to fight for their 17-15 victory over Pirates in a Kuwait Little League T-ball game earlier this week. The Pirates have had a slow start this year but seem to be getting better every week.

Naseem Al Shaya had another great week as a bonerum hitter, along with Khairy AbuJebane. Khairy's bonerum drove in two more runs for the Pirates, but it just wasn't enough. Cubs just proved to be too much. With Jordan van Rye hitting a home run in the third inning.

Proving

The Astros and the Mariners were next. After one inning the score was even at 2 all. Moid Tungebar, pitcher for the Mariners, is also proving to be a hit, earning 1 RBI in this game. Fahad Methni and Abdulla Al Asous are also credited with a RBI apiece. The play of the game came in the third inning, when Nekith Pareek hit a fly ball in the fifth inning. But it wasn't enough, the A's beating the Royals 14-11.

The Tigers overpowered the Indians 30-8 in a hard hitting game. For the Indians, Bader Hasan Al Anzi hit two triples, and two singles, bringing in one run. Nemeet Minhas had a bonerum in the first inning, scoring 2 runs. Meshal Al Khahbaz had a bonerum in the fourth, with a RBI.

Young Boys beat Bucheery by 9 wickets. Young Boys 109 for 1 in 17 overs (Asim 57 not out, Jawad 25). Bucheery 108 for 5 in 23 overs (Asif Shah 39, Mattoo 26) n.o.

Navratilova overwhelms Evert

CHICAGO, Nov 14, (Reuter): Top-seeded Martina Navratilova had no trouble winning her 8th meeting with Chris Evert yesterday, posting a 6-2 6-2 victory for her ninth title of the year at the \$250,000 Chicago tennis tournament.

Navratilova, ranked second in the world behind Steffi Graf, won in Chicago for the third straight year and heads into the season-ending championships in New York with back-to-back titles. She won the New England tournament last week in Worcester, Massachusetts.

"My opponent was just too good," said the third-ranked Evert. "She overpowered me."

In their previous meetings dating back to 1973, Navratilova has won 43 times with a 3-2 advantage this year.

Sheffield Shield cricket results

SYDNEY, Nov 14, (Reuter): The four-day match between the West Indies and New South Wales, the final outing for the tourists before the first Test against Australia, ended in a draw.

New South Wales, after unbeaten centuries by former Test opener John Dyson and all-rounder Mark Waugh, declared at 261 for one before tea, leaving the tourists an impossible target of 334 to win in less than two sessions of play.

The West Indies started the run chase on top gear, but after the loss of opener Richie Richardson for 15, were content to settle for a draw.

Lost

At tea they were 63 for one with Desmond Haynes on 42 and Keith Arthurton six.

The touring side lost three further wickets in the last session with former Test off-spinner Peter Taylor clean bowled Haynes for 52, and having Carl Hooper caught by Test all-rounder Steve Waugh for 27.

Scores — NSW 401 for eight declared and 261 for one declared. West Indies 329 all out and 156 for four.

Hlasek edges Svensson

LONDON, Nov 14, (Reuter): Fourth seed Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland, who has specialised in overcoming adversity in 1988, recovered from losing the first two sets to beat Swede Jonas Svensson, the fifth seed, 6-7 3-6 6-4 6-7 5-7 in the London Grand Prix tennis final yesterday.

But since he returned, Hlasek has played with gathering confidence to reach at least the semifinal stage of his last four tournaments while climbing to 15th in the world rankings.

The Cubs squad which overcame Pirates.

end of the inning.

The Royals never let up. Jason Zeplin, the Royals' pitcher, had a triple in the first inning, and scoring 2 runs. Shaab A. Badou had some fine hitting with a triple, in the second, and a double in the fifth inning. But it wasn't enough, the A's beating the Royals 14-11.

The Major League teams are looking pretty good this season. Two such teams are the Giants and the Cardinals. The Giants are undefeated so far. Their pitcher, Shunsaku Ito is the talk of the League. His fast ball is impressing every batter that lets

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1. Mrs Sapre & Johnny
2. Lello Muthwatta & Donsi Mistry
3. Salman Ali & Simon
4. Dibab & Kaha

and Drexler & Peter Harris
Results of Hubara bridge game held on Saturday:

1. Shah & Zubari N/S
2. Zannuri & Moushi N/S
3. Sherin & Heneidi N/S
4. Sapre & Iman Ali N/S
5. Yasir & Ghazi N/S

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Premier win

PREMIER Cricket Club defeated Ashraf Cricket Club by 32 runs at the Church ground earlier this week. Premier were all out for 89 while batting first but Ashraf were skittled out for only 57.

Brief tour

WELLINGTON, Nov 14. (Reuter): The New Zealand Cricket Council confirmed today it had been asked by England if it could host a brief tour in place of a cancelled trip to India. Chairman Barry Paterson told Reuters a decision would be made at the next scheduled council meeting on November 25 and 26.

Drug use

TORONTO, Nov 14. (Reuter): One of Canada's most respected judges opened an investigation tomorrow of drug use in Canadian sports, including the doping scandal that cost sprinter Ben Johnson his gold medal in the Seoul Olympics.

Cup qualifier

BRUSSELS, Nov 14. (Reuter): Injuries to four key players forced Belgian national soccer coach Guy Thys yesterday to revamp his squad for tomorrow's World Cup qualifying match in Czechoslovakia.

Arsenal player

LONDON, Nov 14. (Reuter): David O'Leary's mystery international exile ended yesterday when Ireland manager Jack Charlton called up the Arsenal player for tomorrow's World Cup soccer qualifier in Spain.

Honduras held

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Nov 14. (AP): Charles Charling scored 10 minutes into the second half last night and Trinidad and Tobago tied Honduras 1-1 to advance to the third round of qualifying for soccer's 1990 World Cup.

NBA games

NEW YORK, Nov 14. (Reuter): Results of National Basketball Association (NBA) games played yesterday.

H Rockets 129 S Kings 127
D Nuggets 143 PT Blazers 132

Attention!

VOLUNTEERS at the 3rd Bi-annual Kuwait Offshore Powerboat Race, held on Oct 28, are requested to contact the Arab Times office immediately. Tel: 4813566 ext. 287, after 11 am.

Bears maul Redskins

NEW YORK, Nov 14. (AP): Mike Tomczak and Matt Suhey each ran for first-half touchdowns as the aroused Chicago Bears, with recuperating coach Mike Ditka looking on from the sidelines, charged to a 20-0 half-time lead en route to a 34-14 thrashing of the Washington Redskins yesterday.

"He doesn't have to stand up and coach. He has a tremendous presence," Bears safety Dave Duerson said of Ditka, who suffered a mild heart attack only 11 days earlier.

Bears defensive co-ordinator Vince Tobin handled the team, with only a few pieces of advice offered by Ditka.

In other games in the National Football League, it was Kansas City 31, Cincinnati 28; Indianapolis 20, Green Bay 13; New Zealand 14, the New York Jets 13; Philadelphia 27, Pittsburgh 26; San Diego 10, Atlanta 7; Tampa Bay 23, Detroit 20; the Los Angeles Raiders 9, San Francisco 3; New Orleans 14, the Los Angeles Rams 10; Phoenix 24, the New York Giants 17; Denver 30, Cleveland 7; Seattle 27, Houston 24, and Minnesota

43, Dallas 3.

Bears 34, Redskins 14

The Bears, 9-2, limited the defending Super Bowl champions to 49 yards in the decisive first half. Washington quarterback Doug Williams completed only six of 19 passes for 69 yards before leaving early in the third period. His replacement, Mark Rypien, threw touchdown passes to Ricky Sanders and Gary Clark but had four passes intercepted by the NFL's top-rated defense.

Chiefs 31, Bengals 28

Albert Lewis made two big plays in the last six minutes as Kansas City, 2-9-1, overcame a 28-19 deficit. Lewis blocked a punt out of the end zone to pull the Chiefs within 28-21. Then, after Christian Okoye's 1-yard run tied the score 28-28, Lewis recovered a fumble by Cincinnati's Marc Logan on the kickoff. Kansas City took over on the Cincinnati 28 with 1:05 to go, and won it 63 seconds later on Nick Lowery's fifth field goal of the game, a 39-yarder.

Colts 20, Packers 13

Chris Chandler passed for two touchdowns, but Indianapolis, 6-5, had to stop a last-second

drive at the 2-yard line to beat Green Bay for its fifth straight victory.

Patriots 14, Jets 13

A big-play defense forced three turnovers and John Stephens scored the clinching touchdown with 6:48 remaining as New England, 6-5, won its first road game of the season in five starts.

Eagles 27, Steelers 26

Luis Zendejas kicked an 18-yard field goal with 1:15 left for the Eagles, 6-5, who overcame mistakes to keep their playoff hopes alive. The Steelers, 2-9, lost for the ninth time in 10 games.

Chargers 10, Falcons 7

Rod Bernstein ran 57 yards with a short pass from Mark Vlasic to set up Barry Redden's 5-yard touchdown run with 4:32 to play as San Diego, 3-8, snapped a six-game losing streak.

Bucs 23, Lions 20

Donald Igwebi kicked a 52-yard field goal with 10 seconds remaining as Tampa Bay, 3-8, crawled out of the NFC Central basement. Detroit and Green Bay, each 2-9, replaced the Bucs.

European directors expect to wrap up accord with ATP

ROME, Nov 14. (Reuter): European tournament directors are confident of wrapping up an agreement with the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) next week on co-operating with the players' proposed rebel tour in 1990.

Italian Franco Bartoni, chairman of the newly-formed Pro Tennis Europe — a union of European tournament directors — said today he would meet officials of the breakaway ATP in New York on the 20th and 21st or the 21st and 22nd.

"I think the two days will be enough (to reach agreement). Things are already pretty clear," Bartoni told Reuters in Rome.

Bartoni said he had been nominated unanimously by a meeting of 34 European tournament directors in Zurich on Saturday to represent them at the KCL ground in 1990.

negotiations with the ATP.

"Let us say that we are in favour of participating with the players," Bartoni said. "The important thing is that tournament directors were united. There was no dissent."

The ATP announced this month that it was withdrawing from the existing Grand Prix circuit, run by the Men's Tennis Council (MTC), to form its own tour in 1990.

It believes the existing circuit, administered by the MTC, has too many tournaments and leaves players exhausted by the end of the year.

Bartoni said a number of problems had to be resolved at the New York meeting that most issues had already been discussed informally and were not insuperable.

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif., Nov 14. (Reuter): Tom Kite birdied the final hole to gain a tie with Curtis Strange yesterday at the end of regulation play at the \$2 million Nabisco Championships of golf on a soggy Pebble Beach golf links.

Kite's birdie gave him an even-par 72 for a nine-under 279 total after 72 holes. Strange, the US Open champion who led after each of the first three rounds, bogeyed the 17th hole and finished at 279 after a final round of 74.

Lucky Star thrash Asim

LUCKY STAR Cricket Club beat Asim Cricket Club by four wickets in a KCL Tournament match at the Sabah Al Salem ground earlier this week.

Asim opted to bat, after winning the toss, and scored 176 for the loss of eight wickets in their 27 allotted overs. Farhat was the top scorer with 50 while Iftekhar scored 39 and Ghulam Mustafa 27.

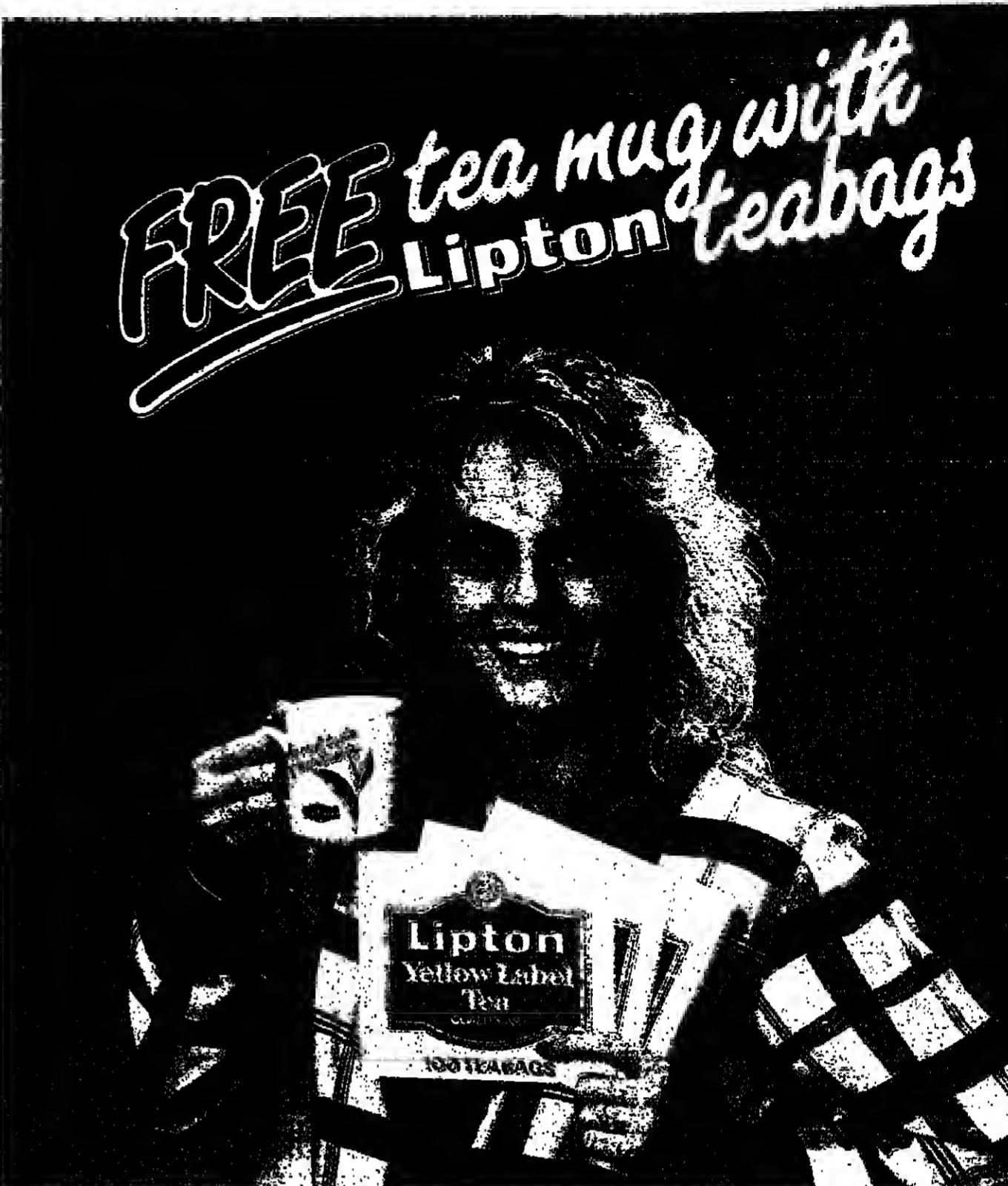
For Lucky Star, Naeem Butt was the main wicket-taker with three for 20 while Iftekhar, Basam and Amir got one wicket each.

In reply, Lucky Star got the required runs for the loss of only six wickets. The innings was built around a 104-run partnership between Arif (66) and Waqar (56).

Strange and Kite set for playoff

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